

Whereas the number of cases of COVID-19 have risen from one case on August 16th to 81 cases on September 3rd;

Whereas vaccination rates in Washington County are below 50%;

Whereas ETSU requires masks in classes, but not at either university sponsored events or not while the students are outside a building;

Whereas the CDC has recommended masks, even for vaccinated people, at "crowded outdoor events, such as concerts or sporting events, attending full-capacity indoor religious services, and working out in indoor gyms.";

Whereas faculty need the option to change the format of a class when the changing situation on campus dictates a needed change;

Whereas our faculty want to teach and most of the faculty want their classes to be live and in person;

Whereas it is time to take action to help curtail a further spread of this disease which, if not slowed down, will force the university to cancel classes and/or move to campus wide full-time online learning; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate recommends the University to

1. require masks at all university events, including sports events;
2. encourage social distancing;
3. support a faculty member's decisions to change the format of a class from in person to online when Covid-19 infections dictate such a change; and
4. keep striving to make the Covid-19 vaccine mandatory for all ETSU students, faculty and staff.

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

Endorsed by

_____ on the 27th day of September, 2021

Mr. Stephen Hendrix, MBA
President, ETSU Faculty Senate