

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON

Academic Senate

ASD 21-95

Date: August 26, 2021

Resolution in Support of a Temporary Change to the Amount of Virtual Instruction Permitted in Traditional (in-person) Instruction Courses

Whereas: In Fall 2021, CSUF is experiencing an unprecedented pivot back to primarily in-

person instruction following multiple semesters of mostly virtual instruction necessitated by public health crisis associated with the novel Coronavirus

(COVID-19); and

Whereas: This return to campus is occurring against a complicated background of variable

vaccination rates, a vaccine mandate for CSU campuses, mask mandates, and the

challenge of the new Delta variant strain of the novel Coronavirus; and

Whereas: Many faculty are teaching traditional (in-person) courses in the face of the

uncertainty of potential exposure to the virus necessitating the need to self-

quarantine or recover from illness; and

Whereas: UPS 411.104 defines traditional (in-person) instruction as courses that may contain 20%

or less of total class meeting time offered in an online fashion; and

Whereas: The CSUF Academic Senate value the work of faculty diligently working to ensure a

rewarding learning environment for our students during this unprecedented transitional period and endorses faculty empowerment for flexibility to teach their courses; be it

therefore

Resolved: That the CSUF Academic Senate endorse a temporary increase in the percentage

of a traditional class taught in an online format to 5 weeks of normal class

meeting for the Fall 2021 Academic Term; and be it further

Resolved: That the CSUF Academic re-affirms that individual faculty have the autonomy to

determine the percentage of a traditional course to be offered in an online format within the 5 weeks of normal class meeting limit; and be it further

Resolved: That faculty are strongly encouraged to notify their department chairs and must

notify students in the relevant courses as soon as possible to any alterations of

the modality for any class meetings; and be it finally

Resolved: That copies of the resolution be distributed to the CSUF Faculty, the CSUF

President, the CSUF Provost, and the CSUF Deans.