

**Faculty Special Senate Meeting Minutes**  
September 13, 2021

**Submitted by K. Craven**

**Members Present:**

Stephanie Adams, Douglas Airhart, Dan Allcott, Michael Allen, Sean Alley, Troy Brachey, Chris Brown, Debra Bryant, Melissa Comer, April Crocket, Kris Craven, Mary Lou Fornehed, Samantha Hutson, Janet Isbell, Christy Killman, David Larimore, Emily Lee, Jane Liu, Mark Loftis, Chad Luke, Jeanette Luna, Lori Maxwell, Jennifer Meadows, Holly Mills, Linda Null, Brian tin Pickering, Elizabeth Ramsey, Richard Rand, Christopher Reames, Lee Ann Shipley, Drew Sisk, Troy Smith, Sandi Smith-Andrews, Holly Stretz, Dan Swartling, Lenly Weathers, Kimberly Winkle, Laith Zuraikat

**Members Absent:**

Steve Canfield, Yun Ding, Dennis Duncan, Steven Garner, Matt Langford, Ann Manginelli, Scott Smith, Robert Wilbanks, Russ Witcher

**Call to Order**

Senate President Luna called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

Senator Airhart made a motion to approve the agenda. Senator Rand seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was approved.

**Overview of Covid-19 Cases**

1. Cases on TTU Campus
2. Cases in Putnam County
3. Hospitalization at CRMC

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- Ø We want to see everyone following the same expectations, including the university administrators.
- Ø We need to make sure there is sufficient faculty representation in the room making the decisions. In 2009 there was a pandemic plan created, all administrators. Now the Senate President is there. However, one faculty member is not enough.
- Ø Preview Day some faculty do not want to participate with the current plans, including not requiring masks when outside but under tents meeting with students and parents. Senate President Luna said she is in those meeting and will raise to possibility of masks throughout, not just inside.
- Ø With the inconsistent communication it is being made more comfortable for those who choose not to be vaccinated. If we make it more uncomfortable for them, maybe more will choose to get the vaccine.

Senate President Luna summarized:

- 1) Rewarding vaccination
- 2) Slogans and communication to students
- 3) Social distancing options
- 4) Enforcement of wearing masks more widely across campus
- 5) Flexibility to provide proof of vaccination/negative test results
- 6) Inconsistent messaging

### **Resolutions for Consideration**

Resolution on CDC guidance and vaccinations,

[https://www.tntech.edu/facultysenate/pdf/TTU\\_FS\\_Resolution\\_on\\_CDC\\_guidance\\_and\\_vaccinations.pdf](https://www.tntech.edu/facultysenate/pdf/TTU_FS_Resolution_on_CDC_guidance_and_vaccinations.pdf)

Resolution thanking Upper Cumberland Health Care Workers

[https://www.tntech.edu/facultysenate/pdf/TTU\\_FS\\_Resolution\\_thanking\\_Health\\_Care\\_Workers.pdf](https://www.tntech.edu/facultysenate/pdf/TTU_FS_Resolution_thanking_Health_Care_Workers.pdf)

Senator Smith-Andrews motioned approval of the Resolution on CDC guidance and vaccinations. Senator Fornehed seconded.

Senator Hagarty suggested adding strongly with encourages for both instances. This will be adopted as a friendly amendment to the motion. There was additional discussion about who should be listed in the resolved clauses of the resolution. The friendly amendment will be to say: all faculty, staff, students, subcontractors, and campus visitors. As for how to disseminate the resolution, Senate President Luna encourages all Senators to share widely. She plans to send it  
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 nay votes, the motions passed.

Senator Fornehed motioned for approval of the Resolution thanking Upper Cumberland Health Care Workers. Senator Smith-Andrews seconded.

Senator Howard asked that Whitson-