The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Faculty Assembly

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Minutes
Emergency Meeting
August 27, 2021


Absent (Excused): Eric Bush, Pat Dolan, Ronald Rozencohn, Christine Rutledge, Frank Weirich

Absent: Aron Aji, Glenn Storey, Mohammad F. Tehrani


1. Amber Brian, Associate Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, and Chair of Faculty Assembly, reviewed procedural items for today’s meeting. During the first part of the meeting the floor was open for any faculty member to comment regarding current university COVID-19 safety policies. Discussion in the second part of the meeting was restricted to Faculty Assembly representatives to formulate possible motions. After debate and amendment, the following motion was adopted unanimously:

“We, the members of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Assembly, urge courage and action that is aligned with science and responsive to this moment, which is distinct from that of May 2021. We urge the University of Iowa’s leadership to take action to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on our campus and in our community. Faculty Assembly calls upon the University of Iowa and Board of Regents, State of Iowa, to initiate an immediate mask mandate and flexibility about modality of instruction in all
the College’s courses, and implement a vaccine mandate by November 8, 2021, the first day of early registration for spring semester 2022, in order to preserve public health and safety."

The Chair will forward the approved motion to the Dean, the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, and the President of Faculty Senate.

2. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Ambler, Associate Professor of Instruction, English as a Second Language Program Secretary of the Faculty Assembly