Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, Faculty Senate
Mary Frances Early College of Education, Faculty Senate

September 13, 2021

President Jere Morehead
The University of Georgia

Acting Chancellor MacCartney
University System of Georgia

Sachin Shailendra
Chair, Board of Regents

Dear President Morehead, Acting Chancellor MacCartney, and Mr. Shailendra,

I write to you as the current President of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate to present you with a resolution that was adopted at our most recent Senate meeting. The measure concerns USG's operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The full text of the resolution is included at the end of this letter.

The measure that we took up, "A Call for Increased Local Control of Campus Health and Safety Measures," was added to the Franklin College Senate's Agenda by a two-thirds vote, per Senate By-Laws. This measure simply calls on the Acting Chancellor of the University System of Georgia and on the Board of Regents to free up our university's administration to adopt all mitigation measures, including mandatory masking, vaccinations, testing, temporary course mode changes, so that we can use the expert knowledge here at UGA to wrest control of the pandemic on our campus. The Franklin Senate passed the measure unanimously.

Given the urgency of the situation, I respectfully, on behalf of the Franklin College Senate, request a response to these resolutions from all of you by September 17, 2021 regarding the concerns raised and actions requested. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Respectfully,

Cindy Hahamovitch
B. Phinizy Spalding Distinguished Professor of History
President, Franklin Faculty Senate

cc. Dean Alan Dorsey, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
Professor Barbara A. Biesecker, Chair, UGA University Council Executive Committee
Sherry Gray, Administrative Specialist II, Franklin College

A Call for Increased Local Control of Campus Health and Safety Measures

Adopted September 9, 2021 by the Franklin College and Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate

WHEREAS the prevalence of the COVID-19 delta variant in our community is at a level to cause deep concern; and

WHEREAS the faculty note that operational constraints imposed by the University System of Georgia and Board of Regents prevent our institution from implementing an appropriate response to maintain the health and safety of our campus; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the faculty requests that the Chancellor, University System of Georgia, and Board of Regents immediately release local control of our campus so that the institution may adopt appropriate and necessary mitigation measures, including but not limited to rules related to mandatory vaccinations, masking, asymptomatic and symptomatic testing, and temporary course mode changes, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on our campus.