Resolution for the UGA Administration to Mandate the Use of Face Coverings and the Implementation of COVID 19 Testing and Tracing

Whereas the faculty of Franklin College are deeply concerned about the USG’s lack of adequate preparations to protect our campus from COVID19 as evidenced by a petition with over 200 signatures to the Franklin College Faculty Senate;

Whereas the University of Georgia’s overriding consideration must be the creation and maintenance of the highest standards of safety for all faculty, students, and staff during the COVID19 pandemic;

And whereas USG’s approach to reopening fails to meet the level of our peer and aspirational institutions;

Resolved, that the Franklin College Faculty Senate demand that, effective immediately and continuing at least through the fall 2020 semester, the administration of the University of Georgia require that masks be worn by students, faculty, staff and visitors in all UGA buildings and at all university programs held in non-university buildings. Some exceptions to this requirement should include when individuals are alone in private offices or in residential halls when alone or with a roommate.

The University of Georgia must also mandate that face coverings be worn on campus property where 6 feet of physical distancing cannot be guaranteed. Everyone on campus must be expected to carry a face covering at all times.

Resolved, that the University of Georgia establish a clear plan for frequent testing, and contact tracing must be put in place immediately to protect the UGA and Athens community.