July 28, 2020

Proposed Resolution to the Faculty Senate of the University of Arizona

RE: The Safe Reopening of the University’s Physical Campus during the Covid-19 Pandemic

WHEREAS, WE the Faculty Senate support the phased, graduated re-opening of the University that prioritizes essential learning activities while mitigating the risks those activities pose to students, staff and faculty.

AND, commend the University collaboration with the Faculty to develop the phased, graduated re-opening plan.

AND, recognize the need for timely and transparent communication on important policies and procedures that impact the educational, health, and financial matters of students, staff, and faculty.

AND, recognize the need to periodically reassess the risks and benefits of University activities in light of rapidly evolving conditions and knowledge.

WE, THEREFORE, call for the University to develop, periodically revise, and make publicly available the criteria used to decide when transitions between the phases of pandemic operation are warranted.

FURTHERMORE, We call for these criteria to be developed and these decisions to be made using the principles of shared governance.