



MEMO

To: Dr. Zav Dadabhoy, Bakersfield College President
From: Edith Mata, BCSGA President
CC: Dr. Nicky Damania, BCSGA Advisor
Date: Thursday, August 5, 2021
Subject: Executive Opinion 21-1: Vaccination Requirement

By the powers vested to me by the Codes of the Bakersfield Renegade Association (COBRA) 202.01(b), the BCSGA President “shall have the power to issue proclamations, or opinions of the Office of the President,” it is my opinion as the 2021-2022 BCSGA President that vaccination be mandatory for the health and safety of our campus community.

WHEREAS, the mission for Bakersfield College is to, “provide opportunities for students from diverse economic, cultural, and educational backgrounds to attain Associate and Baccalaureate degrees and certificates, workplace skills, and preparation for transfer”;

WHEREAS, Bakersfield College serves over 35,000 students from diverse backgrounds, ranging from suburban Bakersfield (population over 300,000) to rural farming areas such as Arvin, Delano, Wasco, McFarland, and Tulare County;

Whereas, the mission for Bakersfield College Student Government Association is to voice the health and safety of our Renegade Community;

WHEREAS, Office of the President affirms the value of an in-person instruction and the student life experience at the Home of the Renegades; and

WHEREAS, Office of the President supports the safe return of all students, faculty, and staff to in-person campus activities in the Fall 2021 semester as is reasonably practicable

BE IT RESOLVED, the Office of the President supports mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for our campus community with the following exceptions:

- 1. Individuals who have identified medical or health care concerns, and*
- 2. Individuals who depend exclusively upon prayer for healing in accordance with the teachings of a bona fide religious sect, denomination, or organization.*

BE IT RESOLVED, Office of the President requests for more online instruction courses to be offered for students who choose not to be vaccinated or students do not wish to attend in-person courses.

BE IT RESOLVED, Office of the President will submit this opinion to the next BCSGA Senate meeting for review and creation of an official resolution.