

UH-Downtown Faculty Senate  
Resolution# SR-21-03  
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A Resolution on Course Modalities for the Fall 2021 Semester

UHD Faculty Senate, July 27, 2021

Whereas we are in the midst of a surge in the highly contagious delta variant of COVID-19;

Whereas vaccination rates are low across Texas and Harris county;

Whereas the CDC recommends all people wear masks indoors in COVID hotspots;

Whereas the probability of contracting COVID-19 is now higher than when UHD went online in Spring 2020;

Therefore, let it be resolved that we request the following actions from the UHD administration:

- Faculty have the option to change modalities of established, published fall courses based on the current COVID data to ensure safety for students and faculty;
- Faculty have the option to choose the modality of advising and office hours;
- Resumption of required reporting of COVID positive cases from students, staff, and faculty, and explicit COVID protocols for exposures for faculty, staff, and students;
- Department-level decisions of modalities for departmental meetings, and committee-level control of modalities for committee meetings and work;
- That UHD administration respond to this resolution no later than close of business on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 to allow department chairs and faculty to implement the necessary changes prior to the start of the fall semester.