Resolution to Establish a Faculty Senate Health and Safety Committee

To: Faculty Senate Executive Committee

From: Robert Miletich and other members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Whereas we have all witnessed the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and understand that careful planning can help to mitigate such threats;

Whereas circumstances in our world caused by climate change create the potential for further challenges to the health and safety of university members via unstable and violent weather or habitat changes, which could unleash further epidemics and pestilences;

Whereas UB was well-prepared, but this required scaled up time and effort;

Whereas having a standing committee can facilitate the preparedness for health and safety challenges;

Whereas the well-being of all members of the university community is our concern, but as the representative body for the faculty, we must focus on health and safety as it relates to the realms of university education, research and service;

Whereas vigilance for situations which have the potential of compromising the health and safety of the faculty in the performance of their mission can help mitigate those situations;

Therefore be it resolved that: The Faculty Senate establish a standing Health and Safety Committee;

Be it further resolved that this committee will act to monitor campus life and societal events which have the potential to threaten the health and safety of the faculty and other members of the university community;

Be it further resolved that this committee will make recommendations for the remediation or mitigation of threats to the Health and Safety of the faculty;

Be it further resolved that this committee acting through the Faculty Senate will make recommendations to the administrative leadership of the university and will maintain an active dialogue with other groups in the campus community.

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