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SA2021-032: Resolution to Express UWL’s Support for the Governor’s Current Mask Mandate Intended to Combat the Spread of COVID-19

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WHEREAS the UW-La Crosse Student Senate and Executive Cabinet exist primarily to advocate for and serve the needs and interests of every attendee of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse; and,

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has created significant barriers to nearly every aspect of UW-La Crosse student life for almost 12 months--adversely impacting us in our academics and work; and,

WHEREAS the risks of failing to apply sound public health procedures have shown themselves clearly on our campus, causing administration to suspend classes last semester and institute a two-week lockdown to address a major COVID-19 spike on campus; and

WHEREAS the dangers of the virus have extended far beyond UW-La Crosse, killing an estimated 74 residents of La Crosse County, upwards of 6,000 Wisconsinites, and over 465,000 Americans in total as of 02/10/2021.

WHEREAS new, potentially more contagious variants of COVID-19 are emerging in regions across the world, and have even been identified as close to UW-La Crosse as the city of Eau Claire; and,

WHEREAS the efficacy of mask-wearing has repeatedly been confirmed by scientists and other officials of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as by officials in the Wisconsin Department of Health Services; and

WHEREAS Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers has instituted multiple executive orders throughout the course of the pandemic to mandate the wearing of face masks in an effort to curb the spread of COVID-19; and



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WHEREAS the Wisconsin State Legislature very recently voted in favor of repealing the Governor's most recent mask mandate without providing their own alternative to the measure which they struck down; and,

WHEREAS a major alteration to current mask-wearing standards at this stage in the pandemic without an alternative policy could create widespread confusion, and could lead to increased transmission of COVID-19 at UW - La Crosse and in the community at large;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UW-La Crosse Student Association expresses its support for the continuation of the Governor's current mask-wearing policies and encourages other decision makers at all levels of government--and particularly those in the State Legislature--to trust public health experts and scientists as they work to address COVID-19 and save lives.

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Olivia Ahnen
President, Student Senate
Vice President, Student Association

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