

## **A RESOLUTION TO RESPOND PROACTIVELY TO COVID-19 (21/2)**

**WHEREAS**, it is the role of the faculty to oversee both education and research;

**WHEREAS**, University values include transparency, collaboration, and the principle of shared governance;

**WHEREAS**, responses to the COVID-19 emergency may call for changes in long-established University procedures for both education and research developed by the faculty and confirmed through shared governance;

**WHEREAS**, such responses may need to be made in the days and months after the May 8 Senate meeting but before the start of the Fall 2020 term;

**NOW, THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

1. That the Senate and Senate committees on Research; Educational Policy & Technology; Fiscal Planning & Budgeting; Libraries; Appointments, Salary, & Promotion Policies; and Professional Ethics & Academic Freedom shall schedule at least one regular monthly meeting for each month of June, July, and August 2020.
2. That University procedural decisions that result from the COVID-19 emergency should be done in coordination with the Senate and its committees. This includes the University working groups mentioned in the President's message of April 27<sup>1</sup> and other administrative offices that immediately shall begin consulting with and providing information to the Senate and the Senate's committees.
3. That because such decisions involve education, an area of faculty specialty, any decisions about a partial or complete return to on-campus instruction (or about remaining online) shall require prior consultation with the appropriate standing committee(s) of the Senate designated by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC), and that procedures and rules for in-person and online teaching shall be established with the advice of and consultation with the appropriate Faculty Senate committee(s), and with mutual effort to achieve consensus.

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<sup>1</sup> [Planning for GW's Future in a COVID-19 World](#) (GW Today, April 27, 2020)

4. That because such decisions involve research, also an area of faculty specialty, any decisions about University procedures, practices, and rules related to research and research personnel shall require prior consultation with the appropriate standing committee(s) of the Senate designated by the FSEC, and that procedures and rules for research shall be established with the advice of and consultation with the appropriate Faculty Senate committee(s), and with mutual effort to achieve consensus.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
April 30, 2020

Adopted by the Faculty Senate  
May 8, 2020