**Resolution Amending the Faculty Handbook on Student Dress and**

**Appearance Requirements vis-à-vis Mask-Wearing**

**The Executive Committee**

**First Reading**

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**Whereas** requiring the wearing of face coverings, masks and faceshields helps prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the causal virus for COVID-19; and,

**Whereas** requiring students, faculty, staff, and visitors to wear face coverings, masks or faceshields while in enclosed University spaces would be a regulation of dress for health and safety; and,

**Whereas** the current Faculty Handbook (VIII.D.5) forbids requirements of dress for students outside of class time, and thus bars faculty and University staff from requiring the wearing of face coverings, masks or faceshields when they are present in University enclosed spaces outside of class time;

**Be it resolved**that the language in the faculty handbook be modified as indicated in the following sections.

VIII.D Student Dress and Appearance Requirements

5. When requirements of dress or other items of personal appearance are made for reasons of academic or other justifiable relevance to the particular course of study or activity, they shall be such that they affect the student only during the particular class or activity in question and do not carry over outside class time. Where such requirements are made, time shall be allowed within the period of the class or activity for the student both to dress according to the requirements and later to assume the appearance of his/her choice.

6. When requirements of dress or other items of personal appearance are made for reasons of health or safety, they shall be such that they affect the student only when the student is on property owned or controlled by Ohio University or participating in activities sponsored by Ohio University.