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# Required Flu Shots

Submitted by Clara Krug

3/6/2007

## **Motion:**

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That Georgia Southern University require that all students receive a flu shot during Fall Semester.

## **Rationale:**

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Students and faculty in classes in all units are affected by those who contract the flu.

## **SEC Response:**

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The SEC has declined to schedule this agenda item request. Information received from the Director of Health Services indicates that since the flu immunization is not required by the state, we most likely could not do it. In addition, in cases of vaccine shortage (such as happened 05-06), since this group is not viewed as one in which flu is most potentially severe/deadly, they would be unable to receive a vaccination anyway.

GSU does, however, currently encourage students to get the shot (when available) either at the annual Fall Wellness Fair or through Health Services. This is advertised heavily in the *George-Anne* during Fall Semester.

Pat Humphrey, Senate Moderator

## **Senate Response:**

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3/28/2007: Clara Krug requested that the Senate endorse requiring that all students receive a flu shot during Fall Semester. Basically, the idea was that, if they get the shot, they won't get the flu. The SEC declined to schedule that request for an agenda item because the Director of Health Services indicated that, among other things, the flu immunization is not required by the state. Since it's not required, we most likely couldn't require it. In addition, in cases where there are vaccine shortages, such as a couple of years ago, our students are specifically seen in the group that is most unlikely to be seriously affected by the flu. We also recognize that GSU does currently encourage students to get the flu shot when it's available, either at the Fall Wellness Fair or through Health Services.