

Dear Dean Dorsey,

We, the undersigned faculty of Franklin College, wish to share our deep and urgent concern over the USG's preparations to protect our campus from the still developing public health crisis due to COVID19. The overriding consideration must be the creation and maintenance of a safe environment for all faculty, students, and staff.

Contrary to its usual practice, USG's approach to reopening fails to meet the level of our peer and aspirational institutions. The mandate that masks must be worn in corridors, classrooms and academic spaces is a prominent feature common to most, if not all of them. In addition, a clear plan for frequent testing and contact tracing must be displayed to the satisfaction of the UGA community.

We have gathered here more than 100 faculty signatures, by which, in accordance with the Bylaws of the Franklin College Faculty Senate, we respectfully request you to fulfill your obligation to call a meeting of the Senate within fourteen days, in order that we may register the sentiment of the faculty in favor of these measures.

Sincerely,

[The names of 228 faculty members who signed the petition]