

Faculty Senate Resolution:
Expression of Appreciation to Prof. Richard Creswick
Presented by Prof. Chris Yenkey, Senator from International Business
Proposed at the USC Faculty Senate General Meeting: September 8, 2021

Whereas, on July 23, 2021, Interim President Harris Pastides instituted a face mask requirement for the USC campus in an effort to meet the public health challenges of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, on August 3, 2021, Interim President Harris Pastides rescinded that face mask requirement immediately following written opposition from South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson; and

Whereas, following the rescindment of the USC face mask requirement, USC astrophysics professor Dr. Richard Creswick filed suit to clarify the legal basis of AG Wilson's opposition; and

Whereas, on August 17, 2021, the South Carolina State Supreme Court heard Prof. Creswick's case and ruled unanimously against the state's ability to interfere in USC's mask requirements.

Therefore Be it Resolved, that the USC Faculty Senate expresses its appreciation to Prof. Richard Creswick for his direct contribution to the legal implementation of a mask requirement at USC during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and for his commitment to a safer learning environment for the entire Gamecock community.