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Senate*

Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinto de Ciencias Médicas
University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus

**2021-2022
Certification 011**

I, Raul Rivera González, Executive Secretary of the Academic Senate of the Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico, certify:

That the Academic Senate, in its ordinary meeting of September 9, 2021, after receiving the report of the Medical Sciences Campus budget for academic year 2021-2022, approved the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: No other governmental institution in Puerto Rico has experienced budgetary cuts of more than half of its budget like the University of Puerto Rico.

WHEREAS: These budget cuts will cause the loss of accreditation of a large number of academic programs and residency programs, many of them unique in Puerto Rico, like the Neurosurgery Program.

WHEREAS: These budget cuts represent a direct threat to the offering of student services, research, and the operational viability of a great number of academic offerings, some of them unique in Puerto Rico.

WHEREAS: These budget cuts will cause a reduction in the offering of health and community services which are essential for Puerto Rico, some of them provided at no cost to patients by the Schools of Medicine, Dental Medicine, Public Health, Health Professions, Nursing, and Pharmacy.

WHEREAS: In the case of the Medical Sciences Campus, these budget cuts will not only cause the academic and administrative collapse of the campus and the services provided by the Intramural Practices of the Schools of Medicine, Dental Medicine, Health Professions, Nursing, and Pharmacy, but also of the Puerto Rico Medical Center.

WHEREAS: The Puerto Rico Medical Center and the Intramural Practices of the Schools of Medicine, Dental Medicine, Health Professions, Nursing, and Pharmacy offer services to a population that would not be able to access health services by other means. This being the case of all the patients who benefit from *Plan Vital*, which is not accepted by most private healthcare practitioners in Puerto Rico.

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WHEREAS: The faculty of the Medical Sciences Campus is the backbone of the health system in Puerto Rico, as it offers specialized and unique services to all the population of Puerto Rico.

WHEREAS: These budget cuts represent a direct strike to the Medical Sciences Campus of the University of Puerto Rico that the institution is not willing to accept.

LET IT BE RESOLVED: The Academic Senate of the Medical Sciences Campus expresses its intention to contest these budget cuts as part of its commitment to protect the health of the population of Puerto Rico.

This resolution will be remitted to the President, University Board, Board of Governors, and the Academic Senates of the University of Puerto Rico, to the Governor of Puerto Rico, Presidents of the Senate and House of Representatives, Secretary of Health, Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico, the Financial Oversight and Management Board of Puerto Rico, and the press.

For the record, this Certification is remitted with the seal of the Medical Sciences Campus of the University of Puerto Rico, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, today, September 9, 2021.



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Secretario Ejecutivo

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