RESOLUTION 21-00
RESOLUTION OF THE PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

to Expand Access, Equity, Inclusion, and Opportunity with Digital PennCard

WHEREAS, This school year, tens of thousands of university students in the United States, Canada, and elsewhere will enjoy the convenience of mobile, digital student IDs in digital apps; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, new schools to adopt mobile student IDs include Arkansas State University, Auburn University, Chowan University, College of Coastal Georgia, Duke University, Georgetown University, Hamilton College, Johns Hopkins University, Marshall University, Mercer University, New Mexico State University, Northern Arizona University, Roanoke College, St. Edward’s University, South Dakota State University, Temple University, The University of Alabama, University of Maine, University of New Brunswick, and many more universities across the country and the world; and

WHEREAS, Students, Faculty, Staff, and Administrators at these universities have largely embraced using their phones and wearable devices as a secure and convenient means of accessing buildings, purchasing meals, printing documents, enjoying relevant discounts, demonstrating proof of identity and stakeholder status, and more; and

WHEREAS, Many universities are increasingly moving away from plastic cards and taking a mobile-first approach to their student ID programs, allowing students to use digital student IDs to complete any action that would have previously been required a plastic ID card—both on and off campus; and

WHEREAS, Going contactless saves students—and the University—time and money by offering access to residence halls, recreation facilities, student events, libraries, vending machines, and much more; and

WHEREAS, Card origination, theft, and replacement costs or concerns are likely decreased or virtually eliminated with Digital PennCards; and

WHEREAS, Mobile student IDs on iOS and Android operating systems offer students and
schools another level of accessibility and convenience, as students need not worry about misplacing or forgetting their plastic PennCard; and

WHEREAS, Due to immigration, geographical, and other reasons and circumstances, tens of thousands of Penn international students, students with disabilities, online students, and other student, faculty, and staff groups are eligible for and would benefit from PennCards, but may presently receive temporary, plastic, photo-less Penn ID cards which cannot be used to access the same full range of services and opportunities available to PennCard holders; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis provide compelling reasons for going contactless and plastic-free, and have accelerated the adoption of certain infrastructure necessary for successful implementation and iteration; and

WHEREAS, PennOpen Pass serves as a proof point that successful implementation of digital identification can promote the convenience and welfare of the Penn community; and

WHEREAS, Penn’s continuation of the Year of Civic Engagement theme confirms that civic engagement is a pillar of the University’s identity, recognizes the University’s ongoing commitment to interaction with our local community and the world at large, and affirms the importance of civic engagement as a core value in education; and

WHEREAS, Democratic citizenship is perhaps the most significant purpose of American universities, as education is key to developing, maintaining, and sustaining a culture of democracy, which is essential for democratic institutions, laws, and elections; and

WHEREAS, A Digital PennCard has the potential to expand access to the ballot box and civic engagement for Penn students in jurisdictions that accept a valid Student ID as an acceptable form of ID, including the City of Philadelphia for voters who are new to a division (ID is not required to vote in Philadelphia, unless it is your first time voting in your current division): Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Professional Council of the University of Pennsylvania—

Calls on the Administration, in close collaboration and consultation with Students, Faculty, and Staff, to explore and expeditiously implement Digital PennCard for students to opt-in to supplement their physical PennCards, and to prioritize those eligible populations currently without convenient access to physical PennCards.
EXHIBIT A

AUBURN UNIVERSITY
Auburn University launches mobile student IDs for iPhone, Apple Watch, and Android devices. (August 9, 2021)
DUKE UNIVERSITY

Your DukeCard on Mobile. All Mobile Devices Use the Transact eAccounts Mobile App available at the Apple App Store or on Google Play.

You should use your Mobile DukeCard unless you:
- Are unable to download the Mobile DukeCard because your device doesn’t meet minimum requirements
- Need access to a specific lab or Health System building which requires a Prox DukeCard

If you need a physical DukeCard, visit the DukeCard office to obtain one. Instructions for setting up an appointment can be found on the DukeCard appointment site.

Add Your DukeCard to Your Mobile Devices

Open a door, enjoy a meal or attend an event all with the simple tap of your device. To get started:

- Submit your DukeCard photo
- Install MFA app
- Install Transact eAccounts Mobile app
- Set your DukeCard PIN
MOBILE CREDENTIAL

With the new J-Card Mobile Credential, Homewood students can use their iPhone, Apple Watch, or Android device to get into their residence hall, print documents at the library, pay for lunch, or shop at the book store.
Key Features

- Available to all full-time enrolled Homewood undergraduate and graduate students as well as Homewood faculty and staff.
- With support for iPhones, Apple Watches, and Android devices, your J-Card is always with you.
- Works any place on or near the Homewood campus where plastic J-Cards are accepted—including local businesses.
- It’s easy to use—simply hold your supported phone or Apple Watch near the same reader where you would tap/swipe your physical J-Card.

Newly admitted full-time students will receive a physical J-Card at Move-In or program orientation. Mobile credential will be made available on the first day of classes for the semester.

Getting Started

There is minimal set up required to use Mobile Credential. Most users will be able to begin using their J-Card on their phone in minutes.

Hardware Requirements

- iPhone: iPhone 6, iPhone 6 Plus or later; iOS 12.2 or later
- Apple Watch: Series 1 or later, and watchOS 5.2 or later
- Android: version 5.0 or later