Resolution in support of the removal of Webcam Proctoring

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 14,000 students; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

WHEREAS, In the Spring of 2020, during the Pandemic, East Bay started using the online proctoring software ‘Respondus’ more frequently and have continued using it since; and

WHEREAS, The requirement of room scans was set in motion during the first years of the Coronavirus Pandemic to encourage academic honesty which has since still been required for online testing from many professors; and

WHEREAS, in a study of 631 students researchers found that “online proctored exams induce higher levels of test anxiety and result in lower student performance”\(^1\) monitored proctoring only hinders the students taking the test; and

WHEREAS, In Ogletree v. Cleveland State University a federal judge ruled that it is unconstitutional under fourth amendment rights of unlawful search and seizures to require room scans when using proctoring software\(^2\); be it therefore

WHEREAS, In 20-21 BEC 8 the academic senate passed a policy on remote proctoring urging faculty to “not employ remote video proctoring in their online courses so as to avoid equity,

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privacy and disability concerns and to favor alternate assessments including timed exams, open book exams, projects, papers and presentations, and electronic portfolios.  

RESOLVED, Removing the monitoring aspect of proctoring software in online courses to no longer require video proctoring or room scanning; and let it be further,  

RESOLVED, When taking an online course it should not be required for students to attend an in person testing session and should not be required for students to submit to a room scan which may amount an illegal search; be it therefore  

RESOLVED, Exception should be made for those students who have accommodations to do their testing via zoom; be it therefore  

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to our University President, the Vice President for Student Affairs, Department of Accessibility services, Deans of the four academic colleges at CSUEB, Chair of the Academic Senate, Online Campus Senior Director, all student government presidents in public universities, the Pioneer, digitally to all students, and any other relevant parties.

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ASI President/CEO does hereby [X] approves / [ ] refuses to approve this resolution.

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3Policy on Remote Video Proctored Exams in Online Course Modalities retrieved from: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YuhY_fZEqSXz AoFjtJmsd8yDYuLbAV8O-AKYEDCwyPe/edit?usp=sharing
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