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**SA2021-037: Resolution to Recommend Changes to Usage of Respondus Lockdown Browser**

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WHEREAS the protection of student privacy and promotion of student academic, social, and personal wellbeing are of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS many students frequently experience exam related anxiety which compounds with the pandemic-related stressors in our current environment; and

WHEREAS the use of lockdown browsers, like Respondus Monitor, has increased in conjunction with the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS usage of the Respondus Monitor is not inclusive to students who do not have access to a private, safe space where they can take an exam without disturbances and interruptions; and

WHEREAS the lockdown monitors may mistakenly flag students for academic dishonesty; and

WHEREAS this not only adds to the stress on students, but also adds to the work of faculty members who must sort through these mistakenly flagged exams; and

WHEREAS this would eliminate the undue stress caused by lockdown monitors and other similar systems while preventing academic dishonesty;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Student Senate recommends that Faculty Senate reconsider use of lockdown browsers such as Respondus Monitor; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Senate recommends that Faculty Senate investigate alternative academic dishonesty deterrence methods to Respondus Monitor and other lockdown browsers.



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