

Academic Senate

Resolution on the Concerns Around the Adoption of Online Proctoring Software January 2021

WHEREAS, the faculty, staff and administrators of De Anza College acknowledge that the Academic Senate should be involved in any approval and adoption of online proctoring software for the College; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate of De Anza College recognizes the great importance of academic integrity at our institution as well as academic freedom for its faculty members; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate of De Anza College also recognizes the many grave concerns surrounding current online proctoring software options, primarily involving discrimination, equity and disproportionate impact on various student populations, including but not limited to racial, gender/sexuality and dis/ability groups, but also including concerns about cost, College resources, privacy, legality and data breaches; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of De Anza College approves and adopts the "Summary of Concerns and Documentation Presented to the De Anza Academic Senate Regarding Proctoring Software" in Fall 2021 and shall share it with the De Anza administration and Office of Online Education; and

RESOLVED that the De Anza Academic Senate has concerns over the inequity of currently available online proctoring software and recommends that De Anza College adopt and implement proctoring software *if and only if* it meets all of the recommendations set forth in the document "Technology and Equity Requirements for Purchasing and Adopting Proctoring Software at De Anza College"; and

RESOLVED that the De Anza Academic Senate asks the De Anza Online Advisory Group to determine if any such software exists; and

RESOLVED that the De Anza Academic Senate shall review, revise and/or reaffirm this resolution and the "Technology and Equity Requirements for Purchasing and Adopting Proctoring Software at De Anza College" in Fall 2023 and every two years thereafter until such time as this Resolution is superseded by a future Resolution, either permanently adopting or permanently rejecting online proctoring software and the parameters under which it can and should by adopted and implemented by the College.