Resolution on the Prevention of Device-Enabled Cheating During Exams

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**Background**

Technology has created new opportunities for cheating during exams, e.g.,

- Earpiece+bluetooth pen sets
- Earpiece+ spyglass set
- A cheating smart watch with proctor panic button

For demonstrations, get into YouTube and enter “smart watch exam cheating”. The testing agencies have caught on: ACT, SAT, etc. For background here is a recent article and another recent article. The point of this resolution is to call attention to the problem and to offer a framework for instructors that would make device-enabled cheating much more difficult.

**The Resolution**

[Includes edits made as a result of online feedback and feedback from the Sept 18 Senate.]

*Whereas* the Code of Academic Integrity specifies that “during in-class examinations no student may use, give, or receive any assistance or information not given in the examination or by the proctor."

*Whereas* instructors, proctors, and exam-takers have a responsibility to prevent exam-related Code violations,

*Be it resolved* that unless the instructor or Student Disability Services grants an explicit exception, students may not handle or access a cell phone or electronic device at any time during an exam. This includes smart watches, smart clothing, fitness bands, earpieces, or any device that has a recording, internet, or communication capability.

*Be it further resolved* that during an exam all such devices shall be turned off or disabled and placed out of sight if so requested by the proctor;

*Be it further resolved* that all ordinary watches provided by the student shall be placed out of sight if so requested by the proctor and there is wall clock (or equivalent);

*Be it further resolved* that the use of ordinary writing instruments provided by the student can be disallowed if alternative writing instruments are supplied by the proctor.