

Resolution on the Prevention of Device-Enabled Cheating on Exams

History:

Presented at Sept 18 Senate.

Small but important modifications made based on discussion and online posting

The Resolution

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.

Changes based on feedback marked in red.

The Resolution (Cont'd)

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.

Changes based on feedback marked in red.

Possible Follow-Up

There was discussion about having an honor code and whether it might be more productive to investigate the root causes of cheating.

Please step forward if you would like to lead an effort in this direction.

Honor Code Examples: [Brown](#), [Princeton](#), [Stanford](#)

Opposing View: [Why Colleges Should Ditch Honor Codes](#) (*Washington Post*, 2015)

Arms Race: [TurnItIn](#), [Proctorio](#)

Call For a Vote

I support the proposed resolution on [Preventing Device-Enabled Cheating on Exams.](#)

Yes _____

No _____

Abstain _____