



Senate Resolution 2021-12

Guidance for Webcams in Synchronous Online Classes at Modesto Junior College

Whereas: The Yosemite Community College District and Modesto Junior College are fully committed to student success and student retention, and

Whereas: The Yosemite Community College District and Modesto Junior College are fully committed to participatory governance, and

Whereas: The Associated Students of Modesto Junior College had a conversation with the Distance Education Committee where it expressed the impact of new technology on student success since the COVID-19 pandemic began, webcams have become an important part of online instruction, and

Recognizing, that the 2021-22 Distance Education Committee is composed by two administrators, four faculty, two classified staff and one student representative, knowing that the students' voice is important to Modesto Junior College, and

Mindful, that Modesto Junior College students are a diverse group with differentiating backgrounds, living situations, and personal lives, and

Acknowledging, Modesto Junior College students' right to privacy, especially in their own homes, among unprecedented times due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and

Further stressing, that faculty should be transparent with students, and include webcam requirements in places including but not limited to course catalog descriptions, syllabi, and early announcements and emails, and

Recognizing, that other California Community Colleges such as Pasadena Community College have similar webcam guidance agreements, and

Acknowledging, that California Community Colleges should adopt a cameras-optional approach that respects student concerns regarding privacy, access, and equity, and

Let it be Resolved, The Associated Students of Modesto Junior College fully, unanimously, and wholeheartedly support the implementation of this Guidance for Webcams in Synchronous Online Classes for Modesto Junior College. Additionally, we respectfully ask that Yosemite Community College District and Modesto Junior College understand, acknowledge, and fully support this Guidance for Webcams in Synchronous Online Classes for Modesto Junior College.

Approved:

Yays -

Nays -

Abstains -