



Academic Senate Minutes (SPECIAL SESSION)

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020 - 12:30 pm – 1:20pm

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Required Membership: (Attended = marked with “X”, Partial Attendance “P”)

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Guests: Cora Leighton (DE Coordinator), Chris Bernard (DE Coordinator), Tim Rose (Chair of Chairs), Liam Zhu (ASBCC President), Serio M (ASBCC), Vanessa Phillips (Interpreter)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up Action	Decisions (Shared Agreement/Resolved or Unresolved?)
Meeting called to order	12:38pm		
1. Approval of Agenda			Moved by: Joseph B. Seconded by: Randy Y. Approved: 11 approved, 1 abstained
2. Approval of Minutes			
3. Action Items	a. Closed Session: Endorsement of ASBCC Resolution on Honorlock Proctoring Service (15 mins).	ASBCC will revise the language of the resolution to incorporate the comments concerns made today and bring back to Senate	Liam Zhu, president of ASBCC, and ASBCC Senate rep Sergio M shared a student story that highlighted a scenario of non-ideal conditions for giving live presentations to their online classes. Privacy is an issue for third party online test proctoring software.

		<p>February 3, 2021 meeting.</p>	<p>BCC's ASBCC used SF State's University's Student Academic Senate's Resolution as a template for the resolution they drafted.</p> <p>In Part 1 ASBCC describes the Honorlock proctoring software. Within the description are requirements of a plug-in that tracks web history, a web camera, and a microphone. Behaviors are tracked during an exam. The software tracks facial expressions and requires photos of a student's home.</p> <p>In Part III the ASBCC talk addresses the lack of equity in the Honorlock proctoring software. Often the software requires high level technology in order to access their exams (fast connections, newer computers, web cameras, etc.). Many students at BCC do not have that kind of access. Some live in heavily surveilled communities as well.</p> <p>There's no policy in place that allows a student to protest or object to the use of HonoLock, even during COVID times.</p> <p>In Part 5 ASBCC's resolution addresses disabilities and illness. Students may need to reveal their medical history in order to justify particular flags which is a violation of privacy.</p> <p>In Part 6 ASBCC also addresses privacy concerns for students. This software logs too much personal data and violates the privacy of a student's home environment.</p> <p>Solutions: The college could adopt an Honor Code, faculty could offer open notes and/or randomized tests.</p> <p>Students feel that Honorlock should never have been considered.</p> <p>Peralta District and Honorlock representatives encouraged those concerned to reach out individually to their professors to express them. ASBCC feels that not many students do not know how to advocate for themselves. There ought to be official policies set in place before implementation.</p>
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			<p>Motion to table endorsement of resolution for now Moved by Jenny L. Seconded by Mary C approved: 11 votes</p> <p>ASBCC reps thanked the Senate for the discussion today and requests that senators and other faculty to verbally discuss student concerns about HonorLock to their colleagues who use the software. Thank you. I can be reached at sergiomazariegos32@gmail.com</p>
4. Discussion and/or Information			
<p>5. Standing Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Follow Through Task Force b. Accessment Committee Report c. Curriculum Committee Report d. Department Chairs Report e. Professional Development Committee Report f. Integrated Planning Committee Report g. Facilities Committee Report h. Technology Committee Report i. Teaching and Learning Center Report j. Distance Education Report k. Accreditation Report/Update l. District Academic Senate Report m. OPUS Award: Faculty Honors & Acknowledgement 			
6. New Business/Announcements	PT Rep for Senate needed. Email Matt Freeman if interested.		

Meeting adjourned	1:30pm
Next Meeting:	Feb. 3, 2020