"Districts should adopt policies strictly limiting or prohibiting faculty from instituting cameras-on requirements in order to protect against violations of student privacy, balance academic freedom, and ensure compliance with FERPA, California's student privacy law, and federal disability laws and their state analogs." (Recommendation from CCC Legal Opinion 2020-12, October 2020)

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MPC Cameras-on Policy: Approved by Senate 3/18/21

MPC prohibits faculty from requiring cameras-on during online classes except when…

1. Student learning outcomes (SLOs), course objectives, or requirements from regulatory bodies associated with programs cannot be realized without cameras-on, as determined by the instructor for the course, and

2. Notice that cameras-on is a requirement is included as a comment in the schedule when possible, and given on the syllabus and orally in the first week of class or earlier, and

3. Faculty require cameras-on only to the extent necessary (i.e., proctoring, skill demonstration), and allow students to use appropriate video backgrounds and/or flexibility to turn off the camera unless needed, and

4. Faculty share with students the available campus resources for internet and technology needs

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