

University of Baltimore
Student Government Association
Legislation 2020-2021
Resolution #3

RESOLUTION Asking University of Baltimore to Enact Policies and Measures that Prohibit Staff and Faculty from Forcing Students to Have Their Camera and Microphone on During Online Class Sessions During Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 Terms In Order To Protect Student Privacy

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WHEREAS, the University of Baltimore will continue to hold classes online during Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 due to COVID-19,

WHEREAS, Online learning is forcibly the only type of learning students have if they are continuing their education during Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 semesters at the University of Baltimore (with the exception of first-year Law students),

WHEREAS, students when online are entitled to a sense of privacy and security in their remote learning environment,

WHEREAS, the Zoom client allows the host to unilaterally unmute the microphones of the lobby's participants without their consent ,

WHEREAS, this capability removes a student's control of their environment and violates their expectation of privacy,

WHEREAS, all students are not in a position to turn on their video/audio due to circumstances that are imposed on them due to their home environment and those limitations should not be countered against our students and have an impacts on their grades in case students are not comfortable with sharing their screen and audio at all times during a class,

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association believes a regulatory solution may alleviate the apprehensions of the student body,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE ENACTED THAT:

THEREFORE, LET IT BE ENACTED THAT: The University of Baltimore Student Government Association calls for the University of Baltimore to enact a policy which, when hosting Zoom lobby in a University function, prohibits the U.B. staff and Faculty from using unmuting a student participant with their consent, whether verbal or embedded in the Zoom client's functionality.

LET IT BE ENACTED THAT: The University of Baltimore Student Government Association calls for the University of Baltimore to enact a second policy which prohibits faculty and staff forcing students to have their cameras on during classes (with the exception of exams and tests) via syllabus.

LET IT BE ENACTED THAT: The UBSGA encourages the University of Baltimore to enact further measures to enhance the privacy of the students in a remote learning environment.

Date Introduced: July 10, 2020

Date of Vote: July 10, 2020

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