Title: A Concurring Resolution Concerning Cell Phones During Tests

Whereas: Cheating at OU has increased over the past 4 years; and,

Whereas: It is not only the student’s responsibility not to cheat, but the professor should try to discourage cheating; and,

Whereas: One of the ways that students can cheat is to store notes in their backpacks and quickly refer to them during tests; and,

Whereas: Another way students can cheat is to text message friends about questions using their cell phones, or more recently use their cell phone’s built in camera to take pictures of exams that are not to leave the room; and,

Whereas: Both of these methods of cheating are easily prevented by simple action,

Let it therefore be resolved:

Section 1: The University of Oklahoma Student Association requests that professors, before administering examinations, shall ask all students to place their backpacks in a pile at the front of the classroom;

Section 2: The University of Oklahoma Student Association requests that all University instructors make sure that students cannot access their cell phones during the test before distributing the examination. The professor can provide a table at the front of the classroom for students to place their cell phones on, or the professor can request that students place their phones in their bags.

Section 3: If a student refuses to comply with the professor when these requests are made, the professor can refuse to give the student an examination, or any other penalty that the professor may see fit.

Section 4: Copies of this bill shall be sent to:

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