

SENATE RESOLUTION
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TITLE	Proposition to Mandate Recorded Lectures Permanently

WHEREAS, [the University of California Riverside, is returning to mainly in-person instruction](#), with approximately more than 80% of courses scheduled to meet in-person;

WHEREAS, [COVID-19 imposes inevitable and unpredictable circumstances](#) that inhibit students from attending live lectures;

WHEREAS, there is uncertainty for students who test positive for COVID-19 as they will be unable to attend their lectures for approximately 2 weeks;

WHEREAS, as a result of the [COVID-19](#) pandemic, not all students are returning to campus fall quarter with many students continuing to reside in different timezones, making it difficult for them to attend live lectures;

WHEREAS, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, universities such as [UC Berkeley](#), [UC Davis](#), [UCLA](#), and [UC San Diego](#), offered video recordings or audio recordings of regularly scheduled lectures allowing students to review lecture material;

WHEREAS, [lecture recordings are beneficial for students who have extenuating circumstances](#) such as personal or familial obligations that may affect their ability to attend and participate in live lectures;

WHEREAS, students with accommodations through the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) may have access to recorded lectures, many students do not have access to healthcare providers who can provide them with the [appropriate paperwork](#) to receive SDRC academic accommodations;

WHEREAS, a [study concluded](#) that students performed better on examinations through the use of recorded lectures in conjunction with live lectures;

WHEREAS, lecture recordings are also [beneficial for professors and faculty](#) because they give them the ability to observe student engagement, search of areas of improvement, and archive material that can be shared with future students;

WHEREAS, [a study](#) found that lecture capture viewing or lecture recordings “does not in itself reduce attendance at lectures,” rather it can add to positive student outcomes and experiences in the classroom;

WHEREAS, [lecture recordings](#) fosters a more equitable learning environment by aiding students’ learning as they can review course material with the [increased accessibility of captions or transcripts](#);

WHEREAS, with the addition of recorded lectures, UCR students would have better access to a more inclusive educational environment that is accomodating while still a quality educational experience.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of the University of California, Riverside -

- (1) Would like to mandate all professors and teaching assistants to record any material presented as a lecture and make it accessible to all students despite their ability to attend class during the regularly scheduled time.
- (2) *Let it Be Further Resolved* that the ASUCR senate shall take the following steps:
 - (a) ASUCR Senators shall reach out to the Academic Senate to present the resolution for the purpose of collaboration in the implementation of the proposed policy;
 - (b) The ASUCR senate will collaborate with the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) to gain insight on best practices for talking to academics and administrators to mandate recorded lectures;
 - (c) The ASUCR senate will get in contact with the Deans of each college at UCR as well as contact academic department chairs to discuss this policy further.
- (3) *Let it be finally resolved* that ASUCR supports this mandate, given that UCR will continue to administer some courses virtually.

Cc.

1. UCR Academic Senate
2. Dean of the College of Humanities, Art, and Social Sciences
3. Dean of the Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering
4. Dean of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
5. Dean of the School of Business
6. Dean of the School of Medicine
7. Dean of the School of Public Policy
8. Dean of the School of Education
9. UCR Graduate Student Association

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