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A Resolution to Support the Establishment of a Blackboard Test Bank

- Whereas, Resources such as Chegg.com, Quizlet.com, and student organization-sponsored test banks have become popular resources amongst students for exam preparation while simultaneously creating a divide between those who have access and those who do not.
- Whereas, Students who prepare for exams through practice testing methods remember 3.7 times more information than students who use traditional study methods. ¹
- Whereas, Students who have access to these resources are at an advantage to be more prepared for examinations versus students without, whether it be because they are not a part of the organizations that provide them or cannot afford the materials or membership fees. No student should be faced with academic inequity because of socioeconomic reasons.
- Whereas, Students who use materials from said sources are putting themselves at risk for academic integrity violations because of grey area surrounding the Academic Integrity Policy in regards to collaboration and sharing of materials, obtaining and providing exam information, and who receives the consequences in group situations.
- Whereas, Vanderbilt University, a benchmark institution, passed legislation and began implementing a similar program in Spring 2018. ²
- Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate supports the creation of a resource located on

the University Blackboard website to house a test bank which can be accessed by all students on campus and specific to their courses.

Be it further resolved:

This resource would allow all students to have equal access to faculty-approved material to be used for exam preparations as all materials submitted for upload should be approved by faculty members to protect their intellectual property.

Be it finally resolved:

A copy of this legislation be sent to the Chair of Faculty Senate Fran Hagstrom, GPSC President James “JD” DiLoreto-Hill, Honors College Dean Lynda Coon, Bumpers College Assistant Dean Lona J. Robertson, College of Education and Health Professions Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs Ketevan Mamiseishvili, College of Engineering Senior Associate Dean Norman D. Dennis Jr., Fulbright College Assistant Dean for Advising and Student Development Shane Barker, Fay Jones School Associate Dean Ethel Goodstein, Graduate School and International Education Associate Dean Patricia R. Koski, Walton College Director of UGPO Jeff Hood, Walton College Associate Dean Alan E. Ellstrand, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs John Coleman, and Executive Director of Academic Initiatives and Integrity Chris Bryson.