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As part of the education and learning experience, students routinely take notes during class lectures. In addition, students and instructors may wish to record lectures and other classroom presentations. Lecture notes and recordings involve issues related to the intellectual property rights of instructors and the privacy rights of students. To protect these rights, Roxbury Community College has adopted the following policy to govern these activities in the classroom.

Instructors' Intellectual Property Rights

Individual Roxbury Community College instructors retain intellectual property rights to their lecture and class presentations and related material; notes or class materials may not be exchanged or distributed for commercial purposes, for compensation, or for any purpose other than study by students enrolled in the class. Unauthorized use of class notes or recordings is subject to the federal Copyright Act, the General Laws of Massachusetts, and Roxbury Community College policy and may subject an individual to legal proceedings brought by the instructor as well as action by the College.

Note-Taking

Class notes may be written by students enrolled in a class during lectures or other class presentations for purposes of individual or group study. If an enrolled student is absent, another enrolled student may take notes to share with the absent student. Students are not allowed to distribute lecture notes to anyone who is not an enrolled student in the same class.

Audio and/or Video Recording by Students for Study Purposes

With the prior permission of the instructor and the consent of other students in attendance, an enrolled student may make an audio recording of the lecture or class presentations only for the purposes of individual or group study with other students enrolled in the same class.

Students must obtain prior permission from the instructor each time they wish to make a recording. The instructor must assure that each student attending the class on that occasion is aware of the recording and has agreed to be recorded. Student-initiated video recording and use of any other electronic means of capturing or transmitting class presentations or lectures for note-taking purposes is not permitted in classes.

Third-Party Note-Taking and Recording

No third party will be allowed to attend classes on behalf of an enrolled student, except for those authorized through the Student Accessibility Office on behalf of an enrolled disabled student.

Recording by Instructors to Meet Course Learning Objectives

Instructors may make audio or video recordings of presentations for instructional purposes related to that course at Roxbury Community College. Subsequent use of the recording requires the written permission of everyone captured in the recording. The recordings may not be shown or distributed to any other individual or group without the express written permission of every person recorded in that class.