**DRAFT VCCCD POLICY FOR ONLINE CAMERA USE**

(Moorpark College)

In Legal Opinion 2020-12: Online Class Cameras-On Requirements, given by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office on October 19, 2020, the CCCCO recommends that “districts adopt policies that strictly limit or prohibit faculty from instituting cameras-on requirements in order to protect against violations of student privacy, balance academic freedom, and ensure compliance with FERPA, California's student privacy law, and federal disability laws and their state analogs.”

In fulfillment of the Legal Opinion the VCCCD presumes that all synchronous classes are operated under a cameras-optional approach with the exception of the following areas where audio and visual student participation is considered essential.

* Proctored assessments
* Presentations
* Demonstration of academic, performance, and workplace skills
* When mandatory attendance is required by disciplines to fulfill their accreditation regulations

For these stated exceptions faculty may require a cameras-on policy provided they follow the guidelines given in the CCCCO’s Legal Opinion (see attachment).

**Postscript for Moorpark College DE Committee (NOTE: Not part of district policy):**

If such a policy is approved at the district level we as a college would then want to support its implementation in practice. Ideas from the synchronous work group and the DE Committee include providing faculty with:

* CO Legal Opinion
* sample syllabus statements
* list of alternative pedagogical options
* professional development resources for technical requirements
* list of availability of technology needed by students (laptops, webcams, etc.)
* No doubt more here!