



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AND ADVANCEMENT

Dear Colleagues:

Please take note of this important information. Individuals in leadership roles should share this with all instructors in their academic unit.

[House Bill 233 Intellectual and Viewpoint Diversity Act](#) was recently signed into law by Governor DeSantis and will take effect on July 1, 2021. Because this law will take effect during the *Summer A and C* sessions, I am providing students and instructors initial guidance regarding practical applications of a portion of the law (recording lectures) until guidance is issued by State entities. Please note that the new legislation affects courses offered at all campuses and instructional sites and in all modalities (e.g., face-to-face, online, hybrid). This statement will be updated as appropriate and will be referenced in the annual Important Policies Memo.

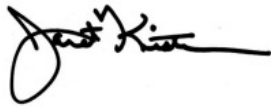
The following statements provide guidance to students and instructors and may be used in course syllabi and syllabus updates:

- Students may record class lectures delivered by the instructor that cover academic content. No recordings of other students, class participation, or discussion will be permitted.
- Students do not need advance permission, or to provide notice, to record instructor-delivered academic content, including formal class lectures. Though they may record such content, students must monitor their recording so that it does not include participation by other students. The recordings may not be published, which includes sharing, texting and posting of any recordings of other students, without the specific permission of the student.
- Students may not publish (which includes all forms of posting or sharing) the recordings except as provided by the statute. The statute limits use of the recordings to private, personal use with limited exceptions unless there is specific permission of the instructor. In the event permission of the instructor is requested to publish (post or share) the recording outside the strict limits of use allowed by the statute, the student's request and the instructor's consent must be in writing.
- The recordings may be shared by the student, without prior permission of the instructor, in connection with a complaint brought against the University or in connection with civil or criminal court proceedings.

- Students with disabilities will continue to have appropriate accommodations for class recordings as established by the [Office of Accessibility Services](#).
- Students and instructors are responsible for compliance with the statute. Misuse of the recordings may result in referrals for potential charges under the [Student Conduct Code](#), in addition to other civil court remedies described in the statute. For more detailed information, see:
 - [House Bill 233 \(2021\): Postsecondary Education](#)
 - [FSU Student Conduct Code](#)

Thank you for continuing to create classroom environments in which a broad range of ideas may be exchanged and diverse viewpoints examined. Please contact me, or a member of my staff, if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Kistner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr. Janet Kistner
Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement