Resolution 2023.3.1 – "Nuventive" Software (Replacement for "TaskStream") Canvas Shell Data Mining:
Academic Senate President John Crocitti and Senator/Past President Rob Fremland (Revised March 20, 2023)
Second Reading

Move: Braun

Second: Johnson

Whereas, an education software company such as Nuventive has the capability of mining, from Canvas shells or any subsequent learning management system, personal data such as, but not limited to, individual student ID numbers and individual student scores on evaluation instruments;

Whereas, there is no solid guarantee that such data will not be sold or used for advertising or that a small education software company such as Nuventive will not be purchased by a large company that intends to profit from student data mined from Canvas shells;

Whereas, there is no guarantee that an education software company such as Nuventive is capable of preventing criminal acquisition of data collected in Canvas shells by hackers and ransomware groups;

Whereas, misuse of data collected by commercial software enterprises and/or failure of such companies to prevent criminal access to such data has become a common occurrence on a global scale;

Whereas, course material created by instructors and placed in Canvas shells is also vulnerable to data mining, sale, and theft through education software applications such as Nuventive;

Resolved, that education software companies such as Nuventive shall not access data directly from Canvas shells, or any subsequent learning management system used by Mesa College faculty and classified staff, unless specifically approved to do so by the Mesa College Academic Senate;

Resolved, that data collection required for reasons such as, but not limited to accreditation, program review, and outcomes and assessments shall be submitted anonymously by faculty and classified staff to Mesa College employees who are responsible for entering such data into an education software application such Nuventive unless an alternative process is specifically approved by the Mesa College Academic Senate.

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The votes are delineated on the following page:

33 Approve/1 Abstain

Academic Senate President John Crocitti – The President does not cast a vote.

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