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SUBJECT: Disability Support Resources (DSR) Funding

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One of the primary responsibilities of the FSBC is to make recommendations on the allocation of funds or resources with the GVSU budget as a whole or within administrative divisions.

FSBC is aware of the recent policy discussions happening at DSR. FSBC is convinced that decentralizing the administration of these services would be less fiscally responsible and would lead to space inefficiency and inefficient use of faculty resources. Proctoring exams for a single student is a poor use of faculty time and most units do not have available space to easily accommodate all such requests. The net result is faculty and students are unnecessarily stressed. Decentralization of this process also has the strong potential to result in an inconsistent treatment of these at-risk students.

Therefore, the FSBC recommends that DSR be charged with continuing their service of being responsible for making arrangements for testing accommodations for students with documented disabilities.