Agreement for Sharing Lecture Materials

Institutions of higher education must provide auxiliary aids and services to students with documented disabilities and not deny equal access to the institution’s programs, courses and activities (Rehabilitation Act of 1973 § 504; Americans with Disabilities Act). For a variety of reasons, some students are not able to take adequate notes during class. Sharing copies of lecture materials, including PowerPoint slides, overhead materials, or other notes are a legitimate auxiliary aid to supplement or substitute note taking for some students with disabilities.

Students should discuss their “Copies of PowerPoints” accommodation with their instructor when they become aware the approved accommodation is necessary to support their notetaking efforts. Once the instructor shares their lecture materials, the shared copies, whether digital or otherwise may not be used for any other purpose than as a supplement for notes taken in class. The instructor should not withhold lecture materials or PowerPoint files if they are available and reasonably necessary to accommodate a student’s disability as defined by law.

Additional information and resources about classroom accommodations for students with disabilities are available at: http://disability.tamu.edu/facultyguide.

Please review and INITIAL each statement, then sign the agreement below:

_____ I understand that I have been approved to receive class lecture materials, including PowerPoints and/or other materials for my personal study use only, and no other purpose.

_____ I understand that I may not share any copies of these shared lecture materials with others, or profit financially from the content I receive.

_____ I understand that information contained in the lecture materials is protected under federal and international copyright legislation, and may not be published or quoted without the lecturer’s explicit consent and without properly identifying and crediting the lecturer.

Violating this agreement may result in the withdrawal of the authorization to receive additional access to lecture materials in the course, as well as a review of this accommodation or similar services in the future. Violations may be reported to the Student Conduct Office.

I agree that I will follow the terms of this agreement in accordance with the spirit of the agreement.

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Course/Instructor  Semester

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Instructor’s Signature  Date Signed

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Student’s Printed Name  UIN

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Student’s Signature  Date Signed