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Dear Pharmacy Students,

The administration of the College of Pharmacy and the Faculty Governance Council have established a policy to not allow earphones during examinations and quizzes. Earplugs may be used. This policy is consistent with those utilized by agencies or services that administer standardized examinations.

Examinations should be relatively quiet experiences such that earphone or earplugs would be unnecessary. Many generations of students have successfully taken examinations without earphones or earplugs.

Consequently, to remove any doubt about the use of earphones for purposes other than the intended, to save time and effort to checkout earphones by proctors before examinations, and the fact that students have successfully taken many examinations over time without the use of earphones, the administration and faculty believe the prohibition of earphones during examinations is a rational approach.

Those students who may need a very quiet environment to take examinations per accommodations from the Disability Resources Center may not substitute earphones for this purpose. Arrangements will be made for these students to have a quiet environment separate from the room in which the examination is administered.

Those pharmacy students who must wear hearing aids will certainly be allowed to do so during an examination.

Thank you for your attention and adherence to this policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael W. McKenzie".

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