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The Department of Undergraduate Film & Television values collaboration as a central part of the creative and educational process. As such, we view student productions as academic and artistic endeavors, not as an opportunity for professional employment.

Within our program, every curricular project is understood as an opportunity for shared learning, skill-building, and [artistic collaboration](#)—not as a professional work-for-hire arrangement. Because all participants in these projects are students engaging in coursework, **the Department expressly discourages the practice of currently enrolled students charging a fee for their labor or services when serving in crew positions** on student films.

This statement **does not apply to** [reimbursements](#) or reasonable charges for materials, supplies, or the use of personally owned equipment necessary to