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Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Resolution 25-01

Grammarly Licenses for Students without Generative AI
Sponsored by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Whereas, LSU Student Government has requested that the student technology fee be used to purchase Grammarly licenses for students;

Whereas, Grammarly is advertised as "… actually the original AI assistant, one that's provided AI-powered suggestions to users for the past 15 years"[1];

Whereas, Grammarly is acquiring Coda " … the maker of trailblazing and powerful AI productivity tools Coda Docs and Coda Brain."[2];

Whereas, LSU has not established policies governing the use of generative AI by students, faculty and staff;

Whereas, Students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels engage in academic research and publish manuscripts where Grammarly may be used;

Whereas, Various journals have made policies on the way AI can be and cannot be used;

Whereas, The pros and cons of AI are hotly debated by faculty across the nation and the Faculty Technology Survey at LSU A&M showed that a large majority of faculty have various concerns about AI;

Whereas, The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has formed an ad-hoc committee on AI and Academic Policies to recommend changes to LSU's academic policies to uphold academic integrity; and

Whereas, The joint Faculty Senate-Office of Academic Affairs committee on Grammarly has completed its work and issued recommendations for best practices in the use of Grammarly in instruction; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the LSU Faculty Senate supports the purchase of Grammarly licenses for all students *without* any generative AI capabilities;

Resolved, That every faculty member will have the exclusive right to forbid the use of Grammarly by students involved in education and research;

Resolved, That instructors should clearly communicate course or assignment specific policies on the use of Grammarly to students in written form; and

Resolved, That enabling the generative AI capabilities of Grammarly for all students will require an approval of the Faculty Senate.

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[1] Shishir Mehrotra, Joint CEO of Grammarly and Coda in https://coda.io/blog/about-coda/grammarly-acquires-coda

[2] Rahul Roy-Chowdhury, outgoing CEO of Grammarly in https://www.grammarly.com/blog/company/grammarly-acquires-coda/