

Faculty Senate Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_

To: Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, Southern Connecticut State University  
From: Natalie Starling, Ph.D., President, SCSU Faculty Senate

The attached Resolution of the Faculty Senate is entitled:

RESOLUTION Regarding \_\_\_\_\_

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This Resolution was approved by Faculty Senate on: \_\_\_\_\_

- This Resolution is presented for APPROVAL  
 This Resolution is presented for INFORMATION

In accordance with the CSU-AAUP Contract (Article 5.10), "When the Senate makes a written recommendation to the President, the President shall acknowledge and respond to the recommendation in writing within fifteen (15) school days of receiving the Senate's recommendation. "

After considering this resolution, please indicate your action on this form and return it to the President of the Faculty Senate.

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Natalie Starling, Ph.D., President, Faculty Senate      Date

cc: Robert S. Prezant, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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### ACTION OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

**Resolution for Approval:**

- Resolution APPROVED  
 Resolution DISAPPROVED (Provide comments below or attach statement)

**Resolution for Information:**

- Resolution NOTED (applies to Informational Resolutions only)

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Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, SCSU

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Date

## **Resolution Regarding the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Powered Tools**

Whereas, Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) exists for the primary purpose of furthering academic excellence;

Whereas, The SCSU Faculty Senate is the official representative body of the Academic Faculty;

Whereas, Academic honesty and integrity represent guiding tenets of SCSU;

Whereas, Academic misconduct is defined by the Board of Regents/CSCU Code of Conduct as:

*“Academic misconduct, which includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism and all forms of cheating. Plagiarism is defined as the submission of work by a student for academic credit as one’s own work of authorship which contains work of another author without appropriate attribution. Cheating includes, but is not limited to: (i) use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests or examinations; (ii) use of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems or carrying out other assignments; (iii) the acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a member of the University faculty or staff; and (iv) engaging in any other behavior specifically prohibited by a faculty member in the course syllabus.” -BOR/CSCU Code of Conduct part D.1;*

Whereas, The recent rise of AI-powered tools represent a dramatic shift in the academic landscape;

Whereas, AI-powered tools are capable of convincingly simulating human responses; and

Whereas, The SCSU Faculty Senate supports the continuing work of developing formal policies and procedures for SCSU with the many other stakeholders involved including but not limited to Graduate Council, Undergraduate Curriculum Forum, the Office of Academic Affairs, the Office of Faculty Development, the Center of Excellence for Teaching and Learning, and the University Writing Center; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the SCSU Faculty Senate considers the unsanctioned use of AI-powered tools in the completion of student work, without the explicit written consent of the teaching faculty, a violation of the BOR/CSCU Student Code of Conduct part D.1, and therefore a form of academic misconduct; and be it further

*Resolved*, That specific procedures surrounding the acceptable use of AI-powered tools in the classroom or virtual learning environment and/or in the completion of research and/or course assignments fall within the purview of individual faculty members via their course syllabi; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Instructor may impose appropriate academic sanctions per the guidelines outlined in the Faculty Senate document for addressing academic misconduct.