

Whereas, California Code of Regulations Title 5 §41301¹ and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Legal Opinions 07-12² and 95-31³ promote academic integrity and aim to stymie academic dishonesty by outlining academic and professional ethics and disciplinary actions; and

Whereas, Advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) have progressed rapidly with generative technologies such as OpenAI's ChatGPT, AI-powered Bing, and Google's Bard among other AI technologies, and have created powerful tools whereby students and faculty may generate powerful responses to queries that are not a product of the individual's own effort, and could lead to potential questions and ethical dilemmas related to academic integrity; and

Whereas, Students and faculty live in an ever-evolving technical world, wherein we stipulate the potential positive uses of AI software and encourage educators to empower students to understand and access their capabilities for effective and ethical use, thereby preparing students for the future, we recognize generative artificial intelligence used irresponsibly could replace student voices and identity with artifice should it go unregulated;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of Taft College add the following additional example to the current Academic Honesty policy of Taft College:

Misrepresentation: presenting information created by text-generating software as your own words and ideas.

¹ California Code of Regulations, title 5 §41301: <https://casetext.com/regulation/california-code-of-regulations/title-5-education/division-5-board-of-trustees-of-the-california-state-universities/chapter-1-california-state-university/subchapter-4-student-affairs/article-2-student-conduct/section-41301-standards-for-student-conduct>.

² California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Legal Opinion 07-12: <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/Files/General-Counsel/2007-12-opinion-assigning-incomplete-or-failing-grade-for-a-cheating-student-a11y.pdf?la=en&hash=733C05A93549EAC60AA41378BB39BA2BC11A8B6F>.

³ California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Legal Opinion 95-31: <https://do-prod-webteam-drupalfiles.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/bcedu/s3fs-public/26960-Plagiarism-Grade-to-Fail.pdf>.