



Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Resolution 25-01

Grammarly Licenses for Students without Generative AI

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 opposes 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; and

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

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/>