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Inclusion of AI Policy Statement in Syllabi

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Sponsors:

- Whereas,** The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) represents the concerns of the students attending the campus in matters of a University-wide nature,
- Whereas,** Penn State is partnering with Gov. Shapiro to “provide advice as the [Generative AI Governance] board oversees the responsible, efficient and ethical use of generative AI across the state,”¹
- Whereas,** President Neeli Bendapudi is “resolute in her focus on preparing students for professional success” and “bringing [academic offerings] in line with employment trends and employment experience data,”²
- Whereas,** President Neeli Bendapudi has also articulated her vision for Penn State to be agile— “We are an institution that quickly adapts to dynamic needs of our people and society,”³
- Whereas,** Generative AI, such as Chat GPT, is gaining increasing relevance nationwide being universally accessible through the internet and free to use and faculty across the University are incorporating generative AI into their curricula at varying levels,
- Whereas,** It is therefore under the discretion of the instructor as to how AI is implemented or not implemented in the curriculum and under no circumstances may AI be a required component of the course,
- Be it resolved,** The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments supports the implementation of a clarifying “AI Policy Statement” composed by the instructing faculty member in all University syllabi. This statement shall reflect the intentions of the faculty member regarding AI use in the course and include

any faculty-determined consequences, protecting the rights of faculty as outlined under AC64, Academic Freedom⁴, and IP01, Ownership and Management of Intellectual Property⁵. Inclusion of this clarifying statement respects the dangers of AI use and honors the role in professional development AI holds by clearly defining expectations, therefore also protecting the student,

Be it further resolved, The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments supports the addition of the “AI Policy Statement” to Faculty Senate Policy 43-00⁶, the addition of this policy being in line with the University’s vision to further the productive use of AI in the classroom.

Respectfully,

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Council Action

Vote 31:0:0 Pass: X Fail: Postponed:

Presidential Action

Approved: X Veto: Date: 3/21/24



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⁴Penn State. *AC64 Academic Freedom*. <https://policy.psu.edu/policies/ac64>

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