

Resolution: Ensuring Faculty Involvement in the Handling and Definition of Academic Dishonesty and the misuse of Artificial Intelligence Concerns at Ventura College

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Whereas, the Ventura College Student Code of Conduct (Section 14) identifies “cheating, plagiarism or engaging in other academic dishonesty as defined by the CSSO” by affirming AP 5520; and

Whereas, Ventura College’s long-standing practice of routing plagiarism and academic dishonesty concerns through the BICT reporting process was administratively revised in fall 2025, with a new reporting model scheduled for pilot implementation in spring 2026;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of Ventura College affirms that the definitions, standards, and determinations related to academic dishonesty, including defining the misuse of artificial intelligence as such, fall within faculty purview and, therefore, any new process must receive Academic Senate affirmation; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of Ventura College review the process that occurs after reports of plagiarism or artificial intelligence misuse, including the planned pilot for spring 2026 or any revisions thereof, by providing review, feedback, and affirmation prior to further implementation, ensuring that faculty governance remains central to the development of academic integrity standards and procedures; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate urges that any adopted processes include faculty training, student education, and clearly defined administrative timelines consistent with AP 5520, ensuring procedural fairness and the protection of faculty purview when identifying academic dishonesty and/or artificial intelligence misuse as defined in course syllabi.

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