AGC Decision Report

8.30 Student Code of Conduct

Approved by AGC Executive Committee March 28, 2024

Decision

On January 16, 2024, the AGC membership voted to approve the addition of a new section of the Student Code of Conduct <u>Document</u> that is associated with the Student Code of Conduct academic policy.

1. Under Section 2 "Standards/Academic Honesty" a new section titled "Use of Artificial Intelligence" will be included as follows:

*"**Use of Artificial Intelligence***
GRCC recognizes that the use of Artificial Intelligence ("AI") has become increasingly common in some educational settings, whether intentionally or unintentionally. The College recognizes that in certain circumstances, AI may serve as a useful tool for students. However, students should also be aware that not all uses of AI may be permissible, and that certain uses of AI may constitute academic dishonesty, as defined by this Code.

GRCC professors may create syllabus and course requirements regarding the use of AI. Students should be mindful of, and adhere to, those requirements. Violating a professor's requirements regarding the use of AI in any course may amount to academic dishonesty (including without limitation, cheating, plagiarism and fabrication) for which consequences may be imposed by the College, consistent with this Code.

Students should communicate with their professors and review syllabus and course guidelines (including relating to the attribution of research and other academic work) before using AI."

2. Under Section 2 "Standards/Academic Honesty/Cheating, the following will replace the current text labelled "a.".

"a. Using any sources not authorized by the faculty member (e.g., textbooks, notes, websites, the work of other students, artificial intelligence, etc.) to complete examinations or other assignments. Giving or receiving content information relating to placement tests/assignments/quizzes/test/examinations to/from others unless authorized by the instructor."

Sponsor/Champion of Proposed Policy

Samantha Minnis (Library), Mursalata Muhammad (TLDE), Moss Ingram (Job Training)

Rationale
Artificial intelligence has the scope, scale, capacity, and capability to affect all sectors of our lives and is unmatched by any other technology. Its integration into pre-existing and new operating systems and platforms is rapidly advancing. Its use raises concerns involving ethics, litigation, infringement, privacy, compliance, intellectual property, and copyright. Its impact on teaching and learning is an evolving dynamic situation.

As a dynamically fluid tool, it introduces disruption and opportunity into the educational process that requires acknowledgement and action to ensure GRCC's commitment to being accountable for providing high standards in learning environments. Providing a statement in the Student Code of Conduct Document on the proper use of AI addresses this concern and opportunity.

Supporting Data
The sponsors of this addition to the Student Code of Conduct Document solicited input from AGC during a single presentation and break out session. As the change proposed was not a substantive change to the policy or its associated policy document, a third presentation was not required.

Implications for Action
This change does not substantively alter college procedures and is made only for clarity.

Date of Decision by AGC
Date: January 16, 2024
Vote: 90% approved, 10% not approved, 0% abstained

Policy approved.

Section to be Completed by the Provost

Evaluation Plan
The Student Code of Conduct Policy and accompanying document will be evaluated according to the next scheduled review of the policy. This evaluation and review will include feedback from GRCC faculty members and College stakeholders as well as benchmarking from peer institutions.

Next scheduled review of policy: Academic Year 2025-26

Response from Provost
I received this AGC Decision Report on Monday, April 8, 2024. I approve the following modifications to the Student Code of Conduct document that is associated with the Student Code of Conduct Policy, as recommended by the AGC and as outlined above: 1) addition of a new section, "Use of Artificial Intelligence," and 2) revision of the "Standards/Academic Honesty/Cheating" section.

This policy and associated document is jointly-reviewed by the AGC and the Administrative Policy Committee. As outlined in [College Policy 4.1, The Development and Issuance of College Administrative Policies](#), the next step following the Provost approval of a jointly reviewed policy is presentation of the policy to Cabinet.

Once Cabinet reviews the policy and upon approval, the implementation of this decision can begin. This implementation will be led by the Director of Student Life and Conduct as the policy owner of the Student Code of Conduct Policy. This implementation will include updating the Student Code of Conduct document and the Student Code of Conduct Policy for publication on the GRCC policies webpage. The Director will bring an update to the Deans' Council at a date they deem feasible once they have reviewed this decision and upon Cabinet's decision. Additionally, this update should include the draft documents for posting on the GRCC policies webpage as well as any communication plans to inform students and faculty about the updated Student Code of Conduct document with regards to the use of Artificial Intelligence, as applicable. Pending Cabinet approval, full implementation of this decision should be accomplished no later than the start of the next Academic Year in August 2024.

April 17, 2024