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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: May 8, 2023

TO: Dale Rice  
Speaker, Faculty Senate

FROM: Kristen Harrell, PhD   
Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rules

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Attached please find proposed revisions to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee on Friday, May 5, 2023.

Proposed revisions are for the following section:

**Rule 20.1.2.3.2 – Fabrication**

**Approved by Faculty Senate on Monday, June 12, 2023**

**Approved by President on Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

**PROPOSAL**

To provide greater clarity of what is encompassed within Rule 20.1.2.3.2. Fabrication.

**JUSTIFICATION**

Some confusion has existed regarding the differences between fabrication and falsification. A prior rule revision request was submitted to combine Rule 20.1.2.3.2. Fabrication and Rule 20.1.2.3.3. Falsification due to this confusion. This proposal was returned to the submitter with the request that they work in collaboration with the Aggie Honor System Office to address the concerns expressed. After review by the Aggie Honor System Office staff alongside faculty and student Honor Council members, the proposed revision includes the revision and addition of examples within the rule to provide greater clarity regarding their scope.

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- **20.1.2.3.2 Fabrication:**

Making up data or results and recording or reporting them; submitting fabricated documents.

Examples:

- a. The intentional invention and ~~unauthorized alteration~~ of any information **on an assignment, document,** or citation in any academic exercise.
- b. Using "invented" information in any laboratory experiment, report of results or academic exercise. It would be improper, for example, to analyze one sample in an experiment and then "invent" data based on that single experiment for several more required analyses.
- c. Changing information on tests, quizzes, examinations, reports, or any other material that has been graded and resubmitting it as original for the purpose of improving the grade on that material.
- d. **The intentional invention of any information or citation on an assignment or document. This includes using generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) or other electronic resources in an unauthorized manner to create academic work and represent it as one's own.**
- e. **Inventing and** providing a fabricated document **or other information** to any University employee in order to obtain an excused absence or to satisfy a course requirement. ~~altering an official document such as a transcript.~~
- f. Other similar acts.