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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 8, 2023

TO: Tracy Hammond
Speaker, Faculty Senate

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

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

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 20.1.2.3.3 – Falsification

Approved by Faculty Senate on Monday, June 12, 2023

Approved by the President on June 27, 2023



PROPOSAL

To provide greater clarity of what is encompassed within Rule 20.1.2.3.3. Falsification.

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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Present with additions in *bold red font* and deletions ~~struck~~

- **20.1.2.3.3 Falsification:**

Manipulating research **and/or academic** materials, **documentation**, equipment, or processes; ~~or~~ changing or omitting data or results such that the research **or information** is not accurately represented in the research **or academic** record.

Examples:

- a. Changing the measurements in an experiment ~~in~~ **for** a laboratory exercise to obtain results more closely conforming to theoretically expected values.
- b. **Taking a quotation from a book review and then indicating that the quotation was obtained from the book itself.**
- c. **Misrepresenting, withholding, and/or furnishing false information to a faculty member, University official or office; the unauthorized alteration of an official document such as a doctor's note or transcript.**
- d. Other similar acts.