

S98-1 Recycling Papers and Defining Plagiarism

Legislative History:

At its meeting of February 2, 1998, the Academic Senate approved the following policy recommendation presented by Nancy Stork for the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee.

Amends: F88-10, Section 1.1

Action by University President:

"Approved as University Policy." Signed Robert Caret, 2-19-98

Policy Recommendation Recycling Papers and Defining Plagiarism

Whereas, Section 1.1 of University Policy F88-10 defines cheating as "Submitting work previously presented in another course, if contrary to the rule of either course" and,

Whereas, This wording leaves unclear how such a "rule" must be established and communicated, and hence is subject to diverse interpretations, therefore be it

Resolved, That Section 1.1 of University Policy F88-10 be amended as follows:

1.0 DEFINITIONS OF CHEATING ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

1.1 CHEATING:

At SJSU, cheating is the act of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work through the use of any dishonest, deceptive, or fraudulent means. Cheating at SJSU includes but is not limited to:

1.1.1 Copying, in part or in whole, from another's test or other evaluation instrument;

1.1.2 Submitting work previously graded in another course unless this has been approved by the course instructor or by departmental policy.

1.1.3 Submitting work simultaneously presented in two courses, unless this has been approved by both course

instructors or by the department policies of both departments.

2.0 Ensuring Student Privacy and Rights: University Contractual Requirements with Plagiarism Detection Services

2.1 Any plagiarism detection service with which San José State University contracts must ensure the anonymity of all submitted work to third parties.

2.2 Except for the stated purpose of storing submitted work in a database and using the database solely for the intended purpose of detecting plagiarism, any plagiarism detection service with which San José State University contracts shall agree that to the fullest extent possible, ownership rights of all submitted work shall remain with the work's author and not with the plagiarism detection service.

3.0 Notification of S02-4 to the university community.

3.1 The text of S02-4 shall be published in the San José State University's catalog, student handbook and all university class schedules.

4.0 Student Notification

4.1 Future publications of the course catalog and schedule of classes shall incorporate a statement indicating that the university or its faculty may subscribe to and use plagiarism detection services.