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TO: Secretary to Senate
FROM: Dr. Dennis Peters, Chair of Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning
                Dr. Shannon Sullivan, Chair of Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies
SUBJECT: Statement on Generative Artificial Intelligence

The Joint Ad Hoc Sub-committee on the Academic Impact of Artificial Intelligence Tools (SAIAIT) has prepared the attached statement to provide institutional guidance on the use of Generative AI, which has been endorsed by the Senate Committees on Teaching and Learning (SCTL) and Undergraduate Studies (SCUgS). The statement is presented to Senate for approval.

Statement on Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI) Tools

There is no institutional ban on the use of GAI tools. Memorial University has identified the potential benefits of GAI tools in education. Therefore, there is no institution-wide ban on their use. Decisions on the allowable use(s) of GAI tools will be made by instructors. Information regarding considerations of GAI tools in teaching and learning can be found here.

Instructors shall give clear guidance on the use of GAI tools. A statement to clarify the permitted use(s) of GAI must be included in course syllabi (see regulation related to Course Syllabus https://www.mun.ca/university-calendar/university-regulations-undergraduate/6/7/#6.7.2). Sample statements are available here.

The unauthorized use of GAI tools is considered academic misconduct. Academic misconduct offences are found in regulations related to Academic Offences (https://www.mun.ca/university-calendar/university-regulations-undergraduate/6/12/#6.12.4 and https://www.mun.ca/university-calendar/school-of-graduate-studies/school-of-graduate-studies/4/12/#4.12.4).

The use of GAI detection tools is not recommended. Due to potential inaccuracy in GAI detection tools, their use is discouraged. While the results of such tools could constitute evidence of academic misconduct, they cannot be the only evidence used to lay allegation(s) of academic misconduct.