



Boulder Faculty Assembly

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BFA Academic Technologies Committee Notice of Motion
Recommendation to Establish Generative AI-Use Guidelines and Resources
BFA-2026-03-27-2-M

Whereas, the Boulder Faculty Assembly prioritizes generative artificial intelligence (AI) as a key concern of the Faculty Senate; and

Whereas, AI tool use is widespread for a broad range of academic tasks; and

Whereas, AI tools present many affordances, but also potential risks and harms; and

Whereas, AI systems may reflect or amplify bias; and

Whereas, AI use at the University of Colorado Boulder should adhere to responsible and ethical principles, including fairness, privacy, accuracy and verification, transparency, accountability, integrity, and a sustainable, human-centered approach adhering to all applicable CU policies, guidelines, or principles; and

Whereas, sharing of data with AI (notably LLMs) can expose the campus and campus members to harm, including our most vulnerable members.

Whereas, people who are more AI-literate utilize AI less and more intentionally, thus reducing wasted queries and lessening environmental impacts, and privacy and security risks to the university, and/or risks of academic or research misconduct; and

Whereas, AI continues to evolve rapidly.

Be it resolved that, the Boulder Faculty Assembly strongly recommends to the Provost:

1. Maintenance of a living, ongoing set of campus guidelines on ethical and responsible AI use, for example those in the BFA Academic Technologies Committee's *Guidelines on Ethical and Responsible Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence as an Academic Technology*¹ and accompanying *FAQ*².
2. Creation and maintenance of one main AI information distribution site (e.g., [CSU site](#)).
3. Ongoing professional development opportunities, including discipline-based and AI literacy training—adaptation of courses and assessments to be AI-resilient, and the resources necessary to support them, including faculty time and recognition.
4. Involving and utilizing campus governance groups in discussions and decisions relating to AI tools—including incorporating formal representation of faculty governance bodies in oversight mechanisms or advisory groups that may develop.
5. Action on the above recommendations in an urgent and timely fashion.

¹ <https://www.colorado.edu/bfa/media/1699>

² <https://www.colorado.edu/bfa/media/1701>



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Be it further resolved that, the Boulder Faculty Assembly recommends colleges, institutes, departments, programs and/or units develop specific, discipline-appropriate guidelines on the ethical and responsible use of AI in accordance with all applicable CU policies, guidelines, or principles.

Be it further resolved that, the Boulder Faculty Assembly strongly recommends the university give strong preference to AI technologies that limit storage of faculty, staff and student data to the extent possible and do not use that information to train or improve AI models; the university should not cede to third parties any rights to faculty, staff and student data; and wherever AI tools are used that core evaluation criteria include protecting faculty, staff and student data and minimizing data exposure.

Be it further resolved that, the Boulder Faculty Assembly strongly recommends the university prioritize energy-efficient AI models committed to renewable or carbon-free energy.

Be it further resolved that, the Boulder Faculty Assembly opposes:

- Use of AI tools as cost cutting measures to replace faculty (of any rank), staff, and graduate or undergraduate student labor.
- Increasing workloads so campus members cannot do their jobs without using AI tools.
- AI-based decisions for hiring, reappointment, tenure, promotion, or termination.

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