

RESOLUTION-POLICY

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	For Information Only

From: Dr. Eric Milou, Rowan University Senate President
To: Dr. Ali Houshmand, Provost
Date: 5/12/08
RE: Senate Resolution **080512-1**

Turnitin.com Resolution

University Policy: Rowan University has a license agreement with Turnitin, an online service that can be used to detect and prevent plagiarism in student assignments. Student papers are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as they are educational records that may contain personally identifiable information. The following policy should be in effect to be compliant with FERPA

The use of Turnitin by faculty is entirely voluntary. If a faculty member chooses to use Turnitin:

- a. The faculty member must notify students on the official syllabus of the following:
 - 1) the use and purpose of Turnitin
 - 2) the rights of the student to not submit personally identifiable information to Turnitin. Students must be informed that this will have no impact on their success in the class.
 - 3) the options that the faculty member and student have with respect to the students' right to privacy and the faculty member's right to evaluate student work for academic honesty.

- c. If a faculty member personally submits student work to Turnitin or other plagiarism detection sites, the faculty member must remove all personally identifying information from the work. This includes the student's name, social security number, and/ or Rowan ID number.

- d. If a faculty member receives information from Turnitin that leads the faculty to judge that a student has plagiarized, the faculty member must follow the University policy for Academic Integrity.

- e. Faculty may not give out any information about student work to a faculty member from any other institution than Rowan University. All requests from faculty at other institutions should be forwarded to the Provost's Office.

An instructor using Turnitin should offer students either an opt-in or opt-out option. See below for recommended syllabus statements. Note: this should be modified according the professor's specific use of Turnitin in a class.

Recommended statement for the syllabus with the opt out option: Rowan University has a licensing agreement with Turnitin, an online service to help prevent student plagiarism. As part of this course I will be using Turnitin at my discretion to determine the originality of your work. If your work is submitted to Turnitin, it will be stored in the Turnitin database. You have the right to refuse either to submit your work to Turnitin or have the university do so; availing yourself of this right will not negatively impact your success in the course. If you do not wish to use Turnitin you must notify me by e-mail within two weeks of today's date. If you object to the use of Turnitin I will use other procedures to assess originality.

Recommended statement for the syllabus with the opt in option: Rowan University has a licensing agreement with Turnitin, an online service to help prevent student plagiarism. As part of this course I will be using Turnitin at my discretion to determine the originality of your work. If your work is submitted to Turnitin, it will be stored in the Turnitin database. You have the right to refuse either to submit your work to Turnitin or have the university do so; availing yourself of this right will not negatively impact your success in the course. If you object to the use of Turnitin I will use other procedures to assess originality.

Acceptance:

_____ I give my approval. I have forwarded this item to _____ for implementation.

_____ No approval is actually needed. I have forwarded this item to the following individual or office for informational purposes only:

ADDITIONAL REVIEW NEEDED:

_____ I am willing to give approval if the following modification(s) are made:

_____ Before I can approve or reject this item, I need clarification on the following:

_____ I have forwarded this item to the following individual or office for further consideration and consultation.

Rejection:

_____ I decline acceptance of this item for the following reason:

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