USE OF PLAGIARISM DETECTION SERVICE

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1. McLennan Community College (MCC) faculty members may adopt the plagiarism detection services offered by Turnitin, but they are not required to do so.

2. Faculty members choosing to adopt the plagiarism detection service offered by Turnitin shall publish in their syllabi the following statement:

   **Turnitin:** In order to help students learn proper composition skills and to promote academic honesty, this class will use the services provided by Turnitin (hereinafter, the “Service”). The above URL contains information about the capabilities, services, terms and conditions, and privacy policy of the Service. Faculty may use the Service to review all submitted assignments.

   Students agree that by taking this course all required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. Students further understand that if the results of the review support an allegation of academic dishonesty, the students’ work will be investigated and the student is subject to discipline according to policy.

3. Faculty members choosing to adopt the plagiarism detection service offered by the Service shall:
   a. treat all students equally,
   b. require submission of either all student papers or no student paper, for any particular assignment, and
   c. inform students which assignments will require submission to the Service.

4. In the event a student commits an act of plagiarism, faculty members are strongly encouraged to submit the name of the offending student to the Conduct Officer in the Student Services Center. This action is recommended without regard to other consequences a faculty member may choose to employ. It is imperative that the Conduct Officer be given the information so that the College can identify serial offenders.

5. Faculty are encouraged to place the following statement in their syllabus:

   **Academic Dishonesty Policy:** Students found to be guilty of acts of academic dishonesty are subject to college policy as found in https://www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity/. In addition, in this class, students are subject to the following discipline:

   **First Offense:** failing grade on the assignment
   **Second Offense:** failing grade in the course