PLAGIARISM PRIMER for T.A.s

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ACCIDENTAL PLAGIARISM?

- It: Rejected – Too many hits to count
- It seems: 11,160,000 matches
- It seems to: 3,050,000 matches
- It seems to me: 1,580,000 matches
- It seems to me that: 844,000 matches
- It seems to me that this: 29,700 matches
- It seems to me that this should: 237 matches
- It seems to me that this should not: 20 matches
- It seems to me that this should not be: 9 matches
- It seems to me that this should not be unusual: 0 matches

DETECTION

- Compare style, diction, look for inconsistencies
- Out of context information or irrelevant facts/names/dates
- Google
- Text-matching software
REPORTING

- Professor responsible to deal with plagiarism
- TIME!
- Obligation?
TA notifies instructor
Instructor meets with student
Submits report to Dean

Dean investigates
Discipline Officer investigates
University Appeal Board (UAB)
POSSIBLE SANCTIONS

- Zero on test, assignment or paper
- Reprimand
- Grade reduction in course
- F in course
- Notation on transcript
- Conduct Probation
- Suspension
- Expulsion
DISCUSSION = PREVENTION

- Promotes awareness about what plagiarism is
- Lets students know you take it seriously
- They generate ideas on why it’s important
- Understand consequences more clearly
WHY DO WE CARE?

- Generate ideas on why proper use of sources is important.
RESOURCES

- Academic Integrity website: www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/tie
- University of Alberta Libraries website: www.library.ualberta.ca/guides
- Student Services www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/studentservices
The Academic Integrity Survey

OCTOBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 15

The Academic Integrity Survey is an opportunity for students, TAs, and Instructors to be heard and to help shape the way we approach academic integrity issues. All submissions are confidential and no information that could identify an individual will be shared with anyone at the U of A.

Visit www.ualberta.ca/tie to participate.