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Issue

This paper proposes amendments to the Policy on Plagiarism and Collusion to clarify the situation for postgraduate research students. These were approved (PGR16D100) by PGR Executive on 15 June 2017.

Recommendations

The Executive is asked to approve the following amendments:

1. Insert new paragraph 5.3 (the numbering is currently incorrect so there is no existing paragraph 5.3) to state:

   5.3 University approved text matching software may **not** be used for the purposes of screening any parts of the dissertation or research work of postgraduate research students except where this is explicitly approved via a concession request submitted via the Postgraduate Research Service to the Academic Director of Research Degree Programmes, for example in certain cases of alleged misconduct in research.

   This restriction is for two reasons: first that the output report from screening a large document (e.g. a PhD thesis) can be extremely long and may not be the most effective means to an end; and second that care must be taken to ensure that screened work does not end up on a text matching software repository as this may cause later issues with copyright and future publication rights.

2. Replace "Postgraduate Research Office" with "Postgraduate Research Service".

3. Clarify (Sections 2, 4) that matters of plagiarism and/or collusion relating to the research work of a postgraduate research degree candidate or graduate will be handled under Research Degree Policy Document 5: Procedures for Dealing with Allegations of Misconduct in Research against Students.

Resource Implications

The Postgraduate Research Service will ensure that the Regulations are updated in liaison with LTS.

Risk Implications

It is important that the Regulations reflect correct terminology and set expectations which can be consistently achieved.

Equality and Diversity

There are no specific equality and diversity issues.

Timing of decisions

This paper relates to items that are current in June 2017.

Further Information

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