It takes all of us working together towards Academic Integrity

People involved

Student
As a student, one contributes to the student honor code, whether it is formalized or not. How study groups operate, how citations are done, sources given, and adherence to good practices for study within the institution.

Researcher
As a researcher, one becomes part of a global scholarly community with a responsibility for producing work which is both authentic and also contributes meaningfully to a larger body of scholarly publishing.

Faculty
As a faculty member, one has both a commitment to upholding institutional standards and also to inspire and motivate students to demonstrate integrity in all aspects of their scholarly practice.

Turnitin definition of Academic Integrity

Steps to establishing an institutional Academic Integrity policy

Informal
1. Informal practice
   Student honor codes, individual faculty or academics who champion their thoughts on good practice.

2. Identify need
   Institutional reputation may be at stake, but a need to consider is the protection of the integrity of a researcher's own work.

3. Identify who will lead in driving this policy development
   There may or may not include champions, but they should have policy-making experience or expertise.

4. Identify goal for the policy
   Academic Integrity can state as an active policy or what to do when there is an instance of plagiarism or academic cheating. What matters is that Academic Integrity policies are in common or alignment with institutional guidelines, practices, learning goals, and other considerations of faculty/student perspectives and cultural concerns.

5. Gather information widely
   Look for sources of good practice both inside the institution and also externally, like the library and see what current work by faculty champions can be repurposed.

6. Consult with appropriate stakeholders for the working group
   Stakeholders should be drawn from all areas of the institution and should include both institution and policy makers. Also, ensure student views are represented.

7. The importance of a draft policy
   It is important to socialize and represent the different areas of the institution so that a final version can actually lead to getting more adoption.

8. Go to decision makers
   Having something on paper even in an early version can be instrumental in getting everyone to focus on the task in hand.

9. Finalize and approve policy
   Ensure the final draft policy is made available to a variety of different means and formats which can be obtained or accessed by all members of the institution.

10. Consider what processes and procedures are required
    What training and awareness activities may be required in order to implement the policy? What materials are needed? How can it be included in other existing materials?

11. Implement and communicate to the entire institution
    Delineate appropriate communication methods for each group—students, faculty, and those who enforce and implement the policy.

12. Monitor, review, revise
    The policy should be a living document. Mechanisms for periodic review should be established.

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"Policy is about changing mindset"

Evina Maria Mendez Rodriguez

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