EPC RESOLUTION ON CORNELL PURCHASING A UNIVESITY-WIDE LICENSE FOR TURNITIN

WHEREAS there is consensus among many at Cornell that academic dishonesty is prevalent on our campus, increasing faculty frustration and renewing a demand that the University purchase a University-wide license for Turnitin;

WHEREAS to the extent that Turnitin is employed, it is imperative that it be one component of a comprehensive educational approach, otherwise students are merely punished and deterred temporarily, but not educated, and the university fails in its mission to educate our students to become ethical citizens and professionals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as one component of this comprehensive approach, the University purchase a University-wide license for Turnitin for use at faculty discretion;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that faculty are strongly urged to make certain that students understand course academic integrity requirements and know how to meet them; text in a course syllabus, without elaboration, may be insufficient for these purposes; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that faculty who use Turnitin are strongly urged to use it as an educational tool as well as a detection tool.