Bulk email to staff and students (December 6, 2018)

Policy on Research Integrity

The Senate at its meeting on November 6, 2018 approved adoption of the Policy on Student Plagiarism in Undergraduate and Taught Postgraduate Curricula for implementation from the academic year 2019-20. The Policy consolidates and refines current practices with a view to maintaining consistency across the University, enhancing operational efficiency, and better aligning with international practices. It has adopted revised definitions on plagiarism and self-plagiarism, after taking into account the international best practice.

2. Arising from the change in the definitions on plagiarism and self-plagiarism, the Council has approved at its meeting on November 26, 2018, on the recommendation of the Senate, the revised Policy on Research Integrity with effect from the academic year 2019-20. The Policy can be found at: http://www.rss.hku.hk/integrity/rcr/policy.

3. The revision is as follows:

Existing version:

“3.1 Plagiarism and self-plagiarism
- Plagiarism is direct copying of textual material or wilful use of other people’s data and ideas, and presenting them as one’s own without acknowledgement;
- Self-plagiarism is reuse of one’s own data or repeat of previously published written work, or part thereof, in a ‘new’ publication without acknowledging that the data set has been used or written work has been published elsewhere.

References to what could constitute plagiarism can be found in the booklet What is Plagiarism? published by the University.”

Revised version:

“3.1 Plagiarism and self-plagiarism
- Plagiarism is the use of another person’s work (including but not limited to any materials, creations, ideas and data) as if one’s own without due acknowledgement, whether or not such work has been published and regardless of the intent to deceive;
- Self-plagiarism is the reuse of one’s own work without acknowledging that such work has been submitted elsewhere.

References to what could constitute plagiarism can be found in the University website on plagiarism.”

4. Would staff and students take note of the revised Policy on Research Integrity. For enquiries, please contact Research Services at rssdata@hku.hk.

Research Services
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