

**McGill****MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 9 March 2010

TO: Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs
Deputy Provost M.J. Mendelson, Chair

FROM: ESAAC Subcommittee on Academic Integrity
L. Jacobs Starkey, Chair

SUBJECT: The Use of Text-Matching Software at McGill: A Review

The Senate *Policy on Text-matching Software* (Chapter 7, *Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities*) requires review of the use of text-matching software “two years after the start of the contract”. The first text-matching software contract at McGill began in June 2006 with university-wide software use available in the fall of 2007.

The attached review of the use of text-matching software at McGill was presented to ESAAC on 9 March 2010. The report is now forwarded on to CESA in compliance with the reporting requirements of the *Policy on Text-matching Software*. In addition, an October 2009 report on possible student access to text-matching software reports is included for information. ESAAC has approved, in principle, exploration of this option; a detailed implementation proposal will be prepared for ESAAC.

Respectfully submitted,

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