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Subject: Re: [redacted] 5.1.2e (Urgent) Request for assessment of plagiarism case: severe or moderate

Dear colleagues,

Thank you very much for your consideration of these sensitive matters. Your questions also help us to weigh the different factors at play. Please find below our answers, and attached the Turnitin-report of the final draft.

Did the student submit a final draft where the plagiarism was not evident?

Without wishing to speak for the supervisor, poor referencing standards appear to be evident in the final draft (submitted [redacted] 5.1.2e). The supervisor had indeed issued repeated calls for proper citation throughout the supervision and feedback process. In the Turnitin report on the final draft (submitted [redacted] 5.1.2e), one can see multiple supervisor comments from the previous feedback round still in the file, urging the student to include references at specific points ("You need to cite", "you need to reference"), together with more generally applicable advice/warnings (eg on p. 19: 'Referencing should happen after each sentence (assuming you are quoting from a source)'). As program board we do note that the supervisor did not flag the instances as serious with the thesis coordinator, as requested in our communication around the supervision process, and the severity of the case (in particular regarding the long piece of text copied from one source) may not have been made sufficiently clear to the student.

Was the draft thesis run through Turnitin? If so can we have the report?

Yes, the full draft of the thesis submitted on [redacted] 5.1.2e was run through Turnitin. Please find that report in attachments, together with the Turnitin report on the final thesis (submitted on [redacted] 5.1.2e).

Has the student responded and if so, can they see the response?

The student has not responded by email. [redacted] 5.1.2e has been able to watch the recording of the first online meeting (referred to below, on [redacted] 5.1.2e) and also had a follow-up meeting today ([redacted] 5.1.2e) in person at KOG, with [redacted] 5.1.2e and thesis coordinator. Today's meeting mainly focused on practical matters such as re-enrolment and payment of fees. To the extent that the plagiarism allegations were discussed, [redacted] 5.1.2e and TC informed the student that the matter is now with the board of examiners, after our email was sent to the board of examiners yesterday ([redacted] 5.1.2e [redacted] 5.1.2e).

What is the preferred course of action by the programme (re-write, point deduction, retake etc.)?

As stated, our initial assessment of the plagiarism is 'severe'. The programme would like to ask the Board of Examiners for its informed guidance on determining whether the suspected plagiarism is to be confirmed as 'severe' or rather as 'moderate', in application of the protocol, in light of the delivered work and the student's interactions with the programme [REDACTED] 5.1.2e and [REDACTED] 5.1.2e as well as with their supervisor. Our preferred course of action is to [REDACTED] 5.2.1

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We hope this answers your questions and helps makes the decision on the classification of the case.

Best wishes, [REDACTED] 5.1.2e