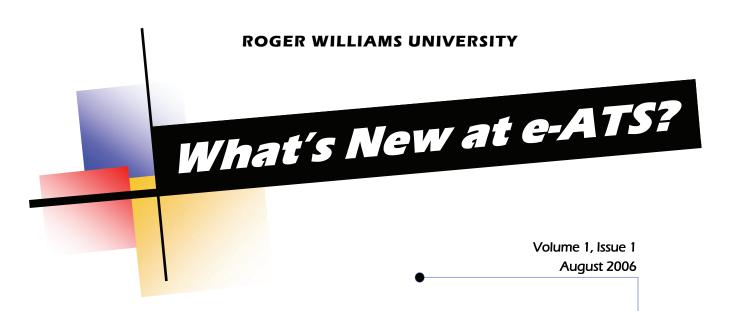8-1-2006

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What's New at e-ATS?

Turnitin has come to Blackboard

Turnitin is an Internet-based service that scans submitted works for similarity to material in public web sites, academic journals, papers purchased from essay mills, and essays and assignments concurrently or previously submitted to Turnitin, which are stored in its database.

The University, through the availability of Turnitin®, desires to encourage responsible student behavior, deter plagiarism, improve student learning, and ensure greater accountability.

You have two ways to incorporate Turnitin into your courses. You may still use the Web portal (www.turnitin.com) or directly through your Blackboard courses.

The following language should be included in the Course Syllabus:

Students agree that by taking this course all required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the Terms and Conditions of Use posted on the Turnitin.com site.

If use of the Service is implemented after distribution of the syllabus, the recommended language above should be provided by written notice to students by the instructor.

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There are instructor and student guides available at sharepoint.rwu.edu. These guides are in PDF format and can be uploaded into your Blackboard course or printed and handed out to your students.

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Future Topics:

- Advanced Blackboard topics
- Apreso
- E-Portfolios
- Classroom control for computer labs and classrooms
- Content Manager
- Securexam

Academic Technology Services Communications

As we embark on a new academic year, the staff of Academic Technology Services are striving to improve communicating with faculty. To this end, a monthly newsletter will be published highlighting one new or improved feature. This newsletter will help in alerting faculty to enhancements and changes as they occur in the ATS.

We encourage suggestions and ideas regarding services we provide as well as topics in which you would be interested. Please contact any of the staff of the ATS with your comments.

See you next month!