from scanning phd theses for plagiarism to awareness how to cite references: re-framing

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Situation at take off

- Major case of plagiarism in a PhD thesis
- Limited to no screening for plagiarism in PhD phase.
- New regulations on screening for plagiarism in PhD theses in 2015, without actual implementation.

**Procedure in short:**
- screening by the school
- interpretation by the supervisor
- discussion in committee (for each PhD such a committee is formed)
- keeping track at Beadles Office.

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- Development and implementation
- Evaluation and first findings
- Next steps
Development and implementation

• Various plagiarism detection programs

• Recognizing plagiarism; exchange of experience

• Combining efforts into a common procedure in a decentralized university

• Reverse framing towards reference check

• New start September 2016

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• Adherence to common procedure still not complete

• Need for regular exchange of experience between Graduate Schools

• No cases of plagiarism found

• Some Graduate Schools did use the Reference Check as a tool for instruction how to cite.

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• Coordinating PhD training on referring in the various educational programs

• Training in interpreting output of the reference check

• Storage of reference check output

• Transition to a new system for the reference check

• Attention for referring to pictures, graphs and alike

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Concluding remarks

- Never waste a crisis

- Don’t take anything for granted; trust is alright but control remains necessary

- Find the drivers for change in the right direction

- Training, feedback and discussion are key for success

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