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PART 12

Consider Syracuse University School of Management's attribution included at the end of its Academic Integrity Policy (Go to the end of [PART 11](#)):

“Portions of this policy are adapted from the following sources, with permission: [Council of Writing Program Administrators](#). "Defining and Avoiding Plagiarism: WPA Statement on Best Policies." Council of Writing Program Administrators, January 2003. Howard, Rebecca Moore. "A Plagiarism Penitence." Journal of Teaching Writing (Summer 1993). 233-245. Portions of this policy are based on the academic integrity policies of Boston College, Cornell University, Duke University, Georgetown University, the University of Maryland, and former policies of Syracuse University's School of Architecture, College of Arts and Sciences, L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science, School of Education, College of Human Services and Health Professions, School of Information Studies, Whitman School of Management, and College of Visual and Performing Arts.)”
http://supolicies.syr.edu/ethics/acad_integrity.htm

University of Southern Mississippi's College of Business and School of Accountancy did not include any citations in its copied version of Syracuse University School of Management's Academic Integrity Policy. The citations were the only significant item USM's College of Business did not copy from Syracuse University School of Management's Academic Integrity Policy. Note that Syracuse's School of Management citations of sources of its Academic Integrity Policy constitute an affirmative opinion about the propriety of providing citations when copying words and ideas from others' Academic Integrity Policies.

In an email to AACSB Visitation Chairman and business college Dean at University of Houston, Clear Water, **Ted Cummings**, which was obtained through a freedom of information request, USM's Dean **Harold Doty** rationalized copying Syracuse University's Academic Integrity Policy by claiming he was merely

“benchmarking” Syracuse’s Academic Integrity Policy. **Doty** wrote that “there (sic) policy is very good and well tested. We started with their document and edited it for our purposes. We did not reinvent the wheel!” (See, [PART 11.](#)) **Doty’s** email to **Cummings** is worth repeating:

“From: Harold Doty [mailto:Harold.Doty@usm.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2007 10:08 AM
To: Cmmings, Ted
Subject: FW: Allegations of Plagiarism FYI

I await your instructions on this matter. As with other matters, we have permission to use the documents. Maybe you should ask Mel if he is okay with Southern Miss benchmarking Syracuse on Academic Integrity -- there policy is very good and well tested. We started with their document and edited it for our purposes. We did not reinvent the wheel.

Hd

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Doty’s email to **Cummings**, obtained through freedom of information request, is like peeking into the dorm room of immature students who are conspiring in secret to cheat. Now, assume you’ve caught them. What would you do, if a student said, “I got permission from my friend to copy his paper, so it is not plagiarism” ?

Keep in mind, our purpose was to initiate a discussion with the goal of exploring what constitutes plagiarism and letting others know what was decided. After all, if USM and AACSB administrators, with input from faculty, decided one way or another, their

reasoning would be of benefit to other schools and academics seeking guidance when they copy words and ideas like Academic Integrity Policies.