CSPB plagiarism faculty survey

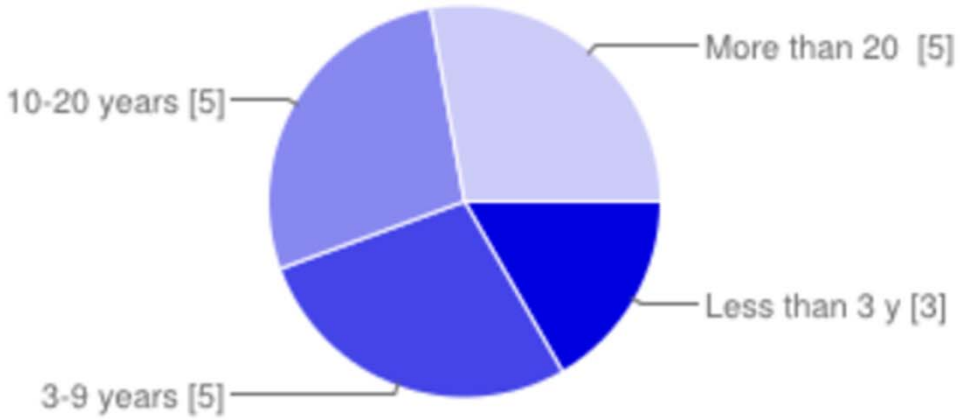
Data collected in June 2013

18 respondents

University affiliation of participants

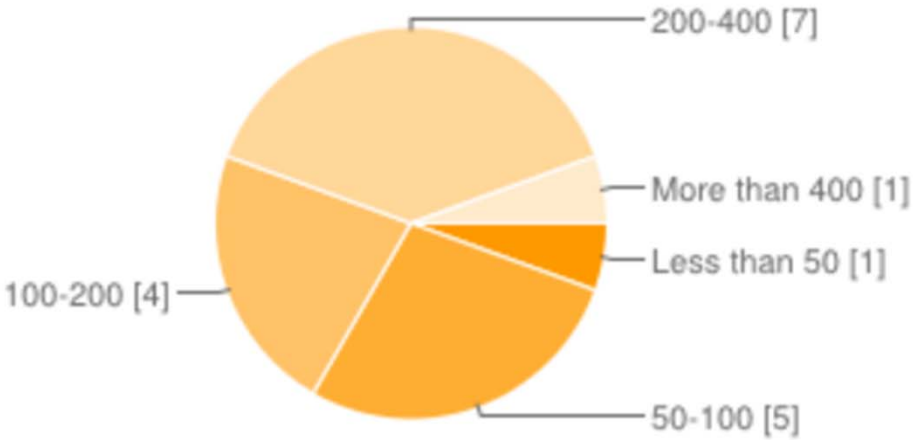
Université de Montréal
Mount Allison University
University of Toronto
Western University
Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières
University of Victoria
McGill University
Université de Laval
University of Alberta
Queen's University
University of Lethbridge
University of British Columbia
Mount Royal University
Université de Laval
University of Guelph
Brock University
Concordia University

Years of university teaching experience



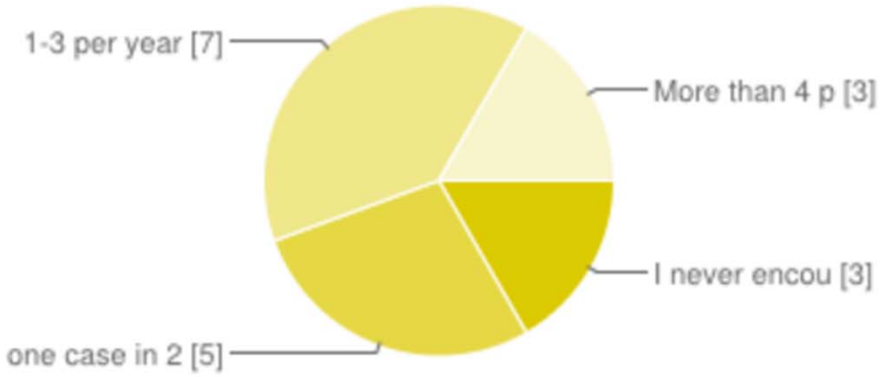
Less than 3 years	**3**	17%
3-9 years	**5**	28%
10-20 years	**5**	28%
More than 20 years	**5**	28%

How many students do you normally teach every year?



Less than 50	**1**	6%
50-100	**5**	28%
100-200	**4**	22%
200-400	**7**	39%
More than 400	**1**	6%

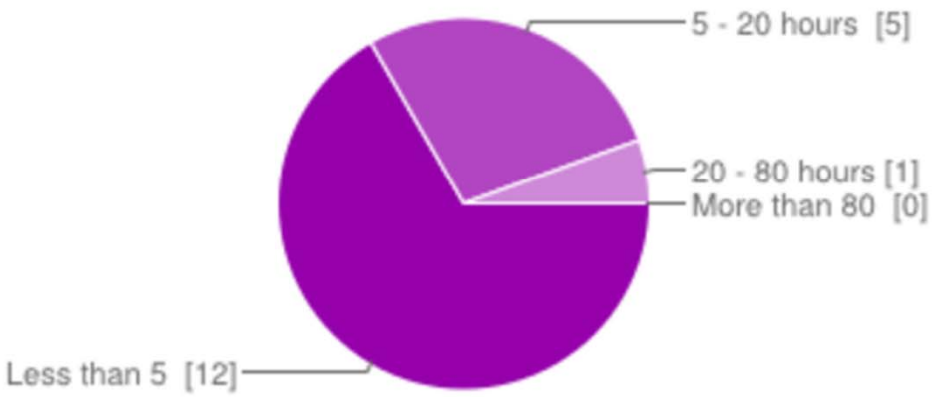
How often do you encounter plagiarism cases?



I never encountered plagiarism cases	**3**	17%
one case in 2-3 years	**5**	28%
1-3 per year	**7**	39%
More than 4 per year	**3**	17%

Average: 1-2 per 100 students

How much time do you spend on plagiarism issues?



Less than 5 hours per term.	**12**	67%
5 - 20 hours per term.	**5**	28%
20 - 80 hours per term.	**1**	6%
More than 80 hours per term.	**0**	0%

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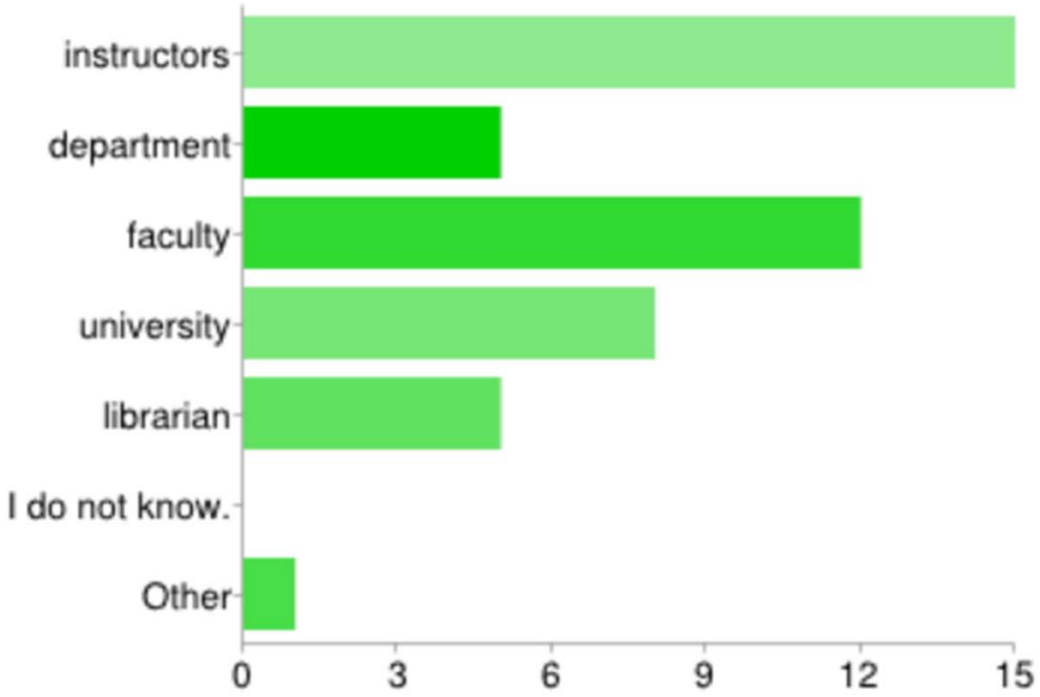
At your institute, who educates your students about plagiarism?



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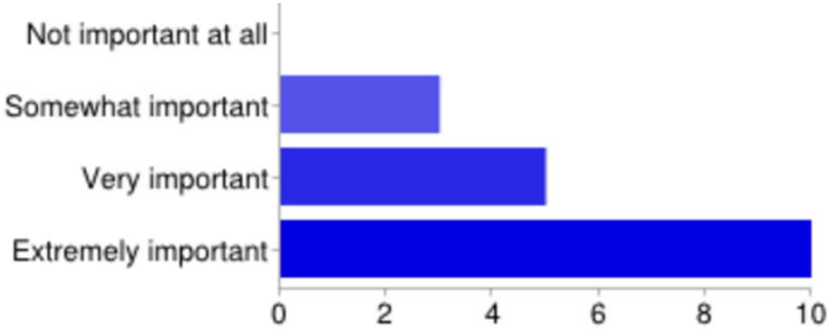
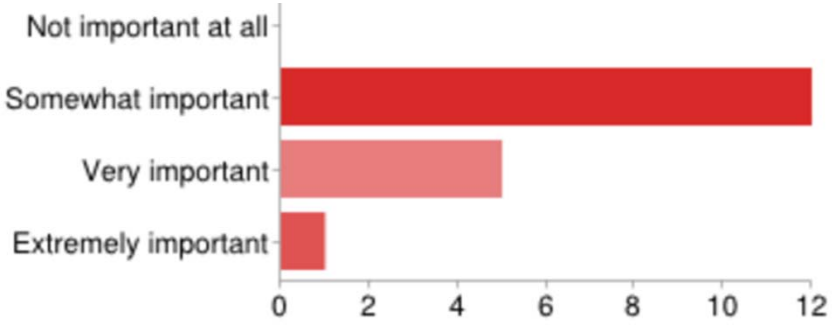
What should we do to deter plagiarism?

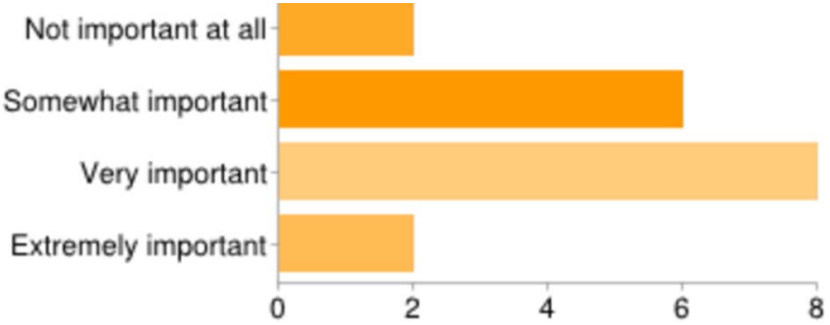
Educate students about plagiarism.



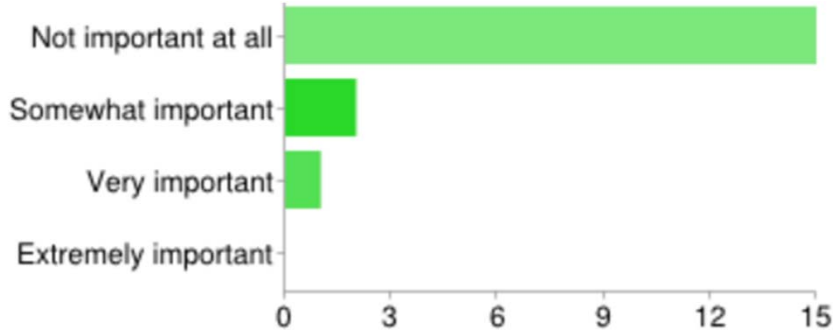
Give stricter sanctions.



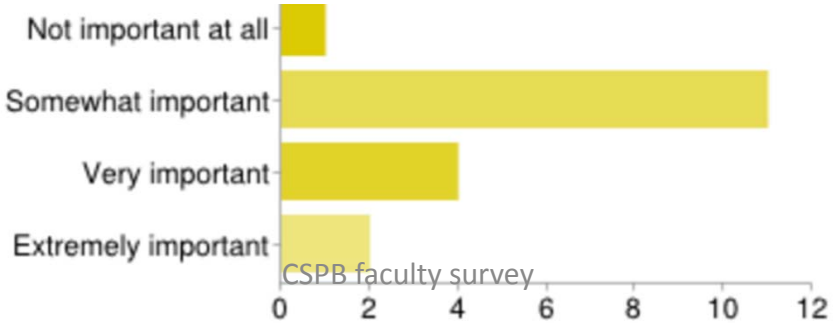
Avoid assignment that can be plagiarized easily.



Reduce the number of assignments.



Use of plagiarism detection software



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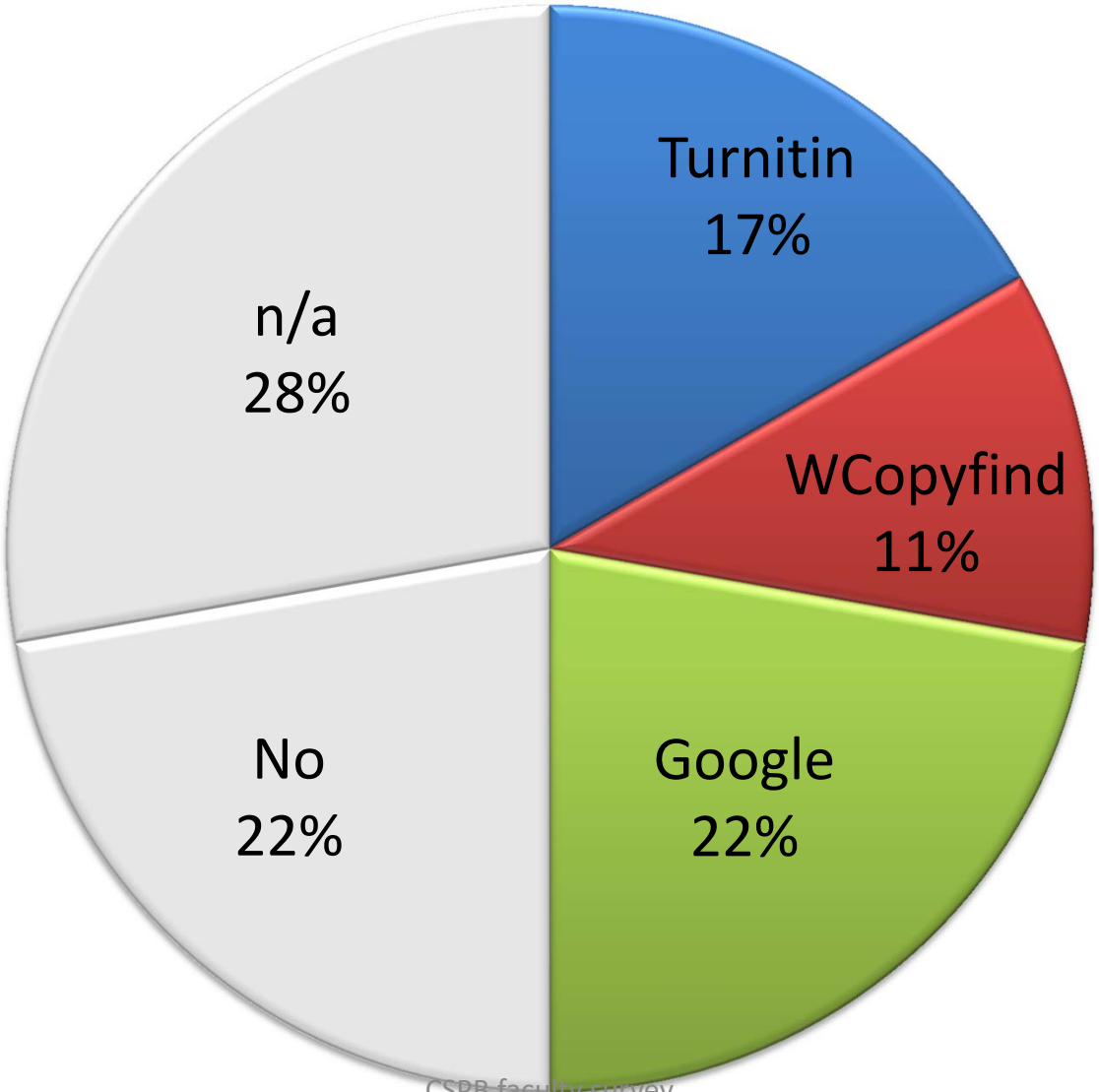
Do you use plagiarism detection software?



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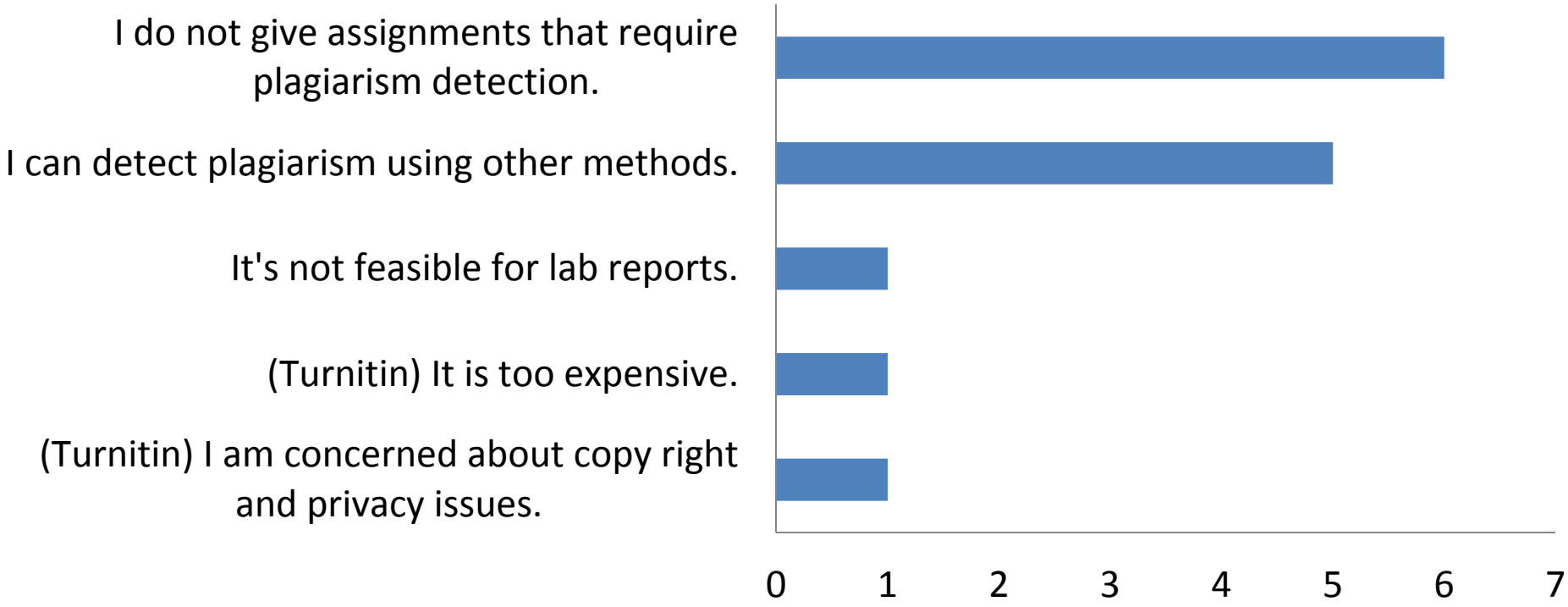
Why do you use a detection software?

- It is fair, as it scans everybody's work
- It's easy to use.
- It saves time
- It is more sensitive.
- To make students aware that there are detection systems.
- (Turnitin) My institute reccomends it.
- (WCopyfind) It is opensource and I don't have to share private data with a commercial entity.

Why do you not use a plagiarism detection software?



A student submits a lab report that contains several paragraphs lifted from another report submitted in the previous year. This is the first time offense. The report is worth 10 % of the final grade.

Zero grade on the plagiarized section.	**2**	11%
Zero grade on the report.	**11**	61%
Zero grade on the report & additional reduction of the grade.	**1**	6%
Grade of F for the course.	**0**	0%
Other	**4**	22%

Other:

- Penalize the student for x% and redo the report.
- Hand back the report, do it again.
- In addition I would talk to the student.
- Zero grade on the report, reporting issue to department and administration