SafeAssignment – Building Block in Blackboard @ ECU

What is it? Why use it?

- Plagiarism checker; a building block within Blackboard; not a Blackboard product
- Compares papers with a large database (institutional/ECU and global)
- Especially useful in writing-intensive courses

How is it used?

- Direct Submit (Control Panel > Course Tools > SafeAssign). Some instructors use this in the scenario of receiving a paper with suspicions of plagiarism; however, the instructor must first obtain permission from the student before choosing Direct Submit.
- Create a SafeAssign “assignment” from your content area where all students submit to an assignment link.
- Option for rough draft: the Draft setting must be marked Yes. The rough draft submitted by the student will still be compared against the SafeAssign database of prior submissions and internet sources, but it will not be archived in the database for future checks.

What databases does SafeAssign currently use for plagiarism checking?

- Internet – comprehensive index of documents available for public access on the internet
- ProQuest ABI/Inform database – more than 1,100 publication titles and about 2.6 million articles from 1990’s to present time, updated weekly
- Institutional document archives – contains all papers submitted to SafeAssign by users in their respective institutions
- Global Reference Database – contains papers that were volunteered by students from Blackboard client institutions (ECU) to help prevent cross-institutional plagiarism

How Do I See the Report? How do I grade?

- Get the report from SafeAssign Tool (Control Panel > Course Tools)
• OR, go to the grade center and view the attempt > view the report > view the paper > grade the paper.
After the student submits and the report has been returned, this is what the student sees: