**LAW AND ETHICS IN ACADEMIC WRITING**

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Abstract

This paper presents about some fundamental concepts in an ethical writing. In all aspects of academic writing endeavour, researchers must adhere to place a right behaviour in disseminating their reasearch. A proper ethicuette procedure must be considered in preparing and submitting a manuscripts for a peer reviewed journals. Important ethical issues to considere in the academic writing is meant to avoid the authorship problem. Ethical issues should be arised during the publication process. Several points of ethical code in writing publication include etiquette, fraudulent publication, plagiarism, duplicate publication, authorship, and potential for conflict of interest. Some strategies have to be developed to prevent ethical violations such as integrity, honesty, truth and transparancy. These strategies will enhance ethical integrity when preparing a manuscript for publication.

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1. **Introduction**

Academic writing such as dissertation, thesis, essay, and journal articles refer to ideas and information presentation to the readers in the form of written work. Academic writing is a significant way of expressing thoughts and ideas (Ali M. Fazilatfar, S. E. Elhambakhsh, Hamid Allami, 2018). Academic writing reaches larger audience than discussion in seminar or lecturing. According to Sten Jönsson (2006), it is important to point out that academic writing is more than anything else. The information presented can be an idea creation, idea support, or idea refutation with our idea. In tertiary level, academic writing is a requirement for college students to finish their study. Academic writing becomes a part of our academic life.

Academic writing challenges writers to maximize their ability to convey complete and accurate information. Any information in academic writing should be based on foundations from what others have examined or discussed. Academic writing requires writers to attach a number of references in order to strengthen writers’ idea.high accuracy of figuring fact and finding a topic for scientific work are the advantages of using references. By using references as supporting theory, it assures that the topic discussed in the academic writing has been proven previously. References show the readers that the written work properly done by the writers. According to the aforementioned fact, it can be summed up that references cannot be separated from academic writing activity and writers should credit the author correctly. Writers are accused of intellectual dishonesty when the fail to appropriately integrate others’ writing (Borg, 2000).The importance of integrating ethics and professionalism into the legal writing has been recognized by many writers.

It is necessary for academic writers to possess professional ethics and etiquette in academic writing. The skills of analysis and synthesis, the power of observation, perseverance, creativity, ethics and responsibility should be owned by academic writers (Masic, 2013). Manuscript attachment of references becomes one of the ways for academic writers to minimize plagiarism and enhance their originality. Crediting the author of the source of writers’ references also helps them to expos the idea and it is also very respectful of the writers to do so by academic means. So, we as a writer should know ethics to do what is right and etiquette to do what is polite. Furthermore, adding relevant references in academic writing helps writers to open the window of knowledge. Well defended academic writing also able to be got by adding evidence from relevant references written by the experts of the field. Reader will be attracted when they see written work is referenced from expert, in other word, it can be said that writers work is authentic.

**B. Ethical Principles in Academic Writing**

There are ethics and etiquette that should be considered when the writers want to create academic writing. Awareness regarding ethics in research has been emphasized (Kar, 2011). The ethics that commonly happen and must be avoided are fabrication finding, falsifying data, and plagiarizing. Fabrication finding happens when the writers try to hinder obstacle by changing the authentic finding of the study into writers’ expected finding which is not based on the real condition. Research materials, equipment, processes, or data manipulation are involved into fabrication finding. Falsifying data happens when the writers change the result data into expected result. Majority of the writers who did particular data falsifying do not expect to meet difficulty in data interpretation and discussion. Further, plagiarism happens when writers explain particular case without attaching the source or references or proper credit.

The etiquettes of writing lead writers to use appropriate and necessary steps and division of certain sections for the ﬁnal academic writing. Whereas writing a paper is a dreary job, by following the established rules that work not only becomes much simpler, but also more accessible for the readers (Masic, 2013).Etiquettes that should be avoided are submitting a paper to multiple journals at the same time, disregarding instructions to authors, submitting superficial or rude peer reviews, and returning page proof late. For the first etiquette, writers must not submit the same academic writing in the same periodical. This is the general rule and most of the periodicals state this clearly in the instructions to the contributors.

The writers have to select the journal judiciously in order to have a quality publication as well as in minimum possible time. For the second etiquette, disregarding instructions to authors should be avoided since writers should follow the in-house rules as requirement to publish their academic writing. The third etiquette, rude peer review should be avoided since we as a writer should respect the other writers. Vice versa, a writer should respect to other writers if they want to be respected by the others. Moreover, good feedback from reviewers is aimed to enhance the quality of the article. The last etiquette that should be avoided is returning page proof lately. The publisher of journal article has certain articles which are reviewed and published. We as a writer who need to publish academic writing should regard the rules created by the publisher.

**C. Writing and Publishing Ethics**

Ethical integrity is essential for writing scientific paper and journal publication. Scientific articles are highly specialized manuscript on reseaarch published in indexed scientific journal. Ethical integrity practices should be respected for all academic writers. The aim of ethical integrity itself is to consider whether a study has been done according to the highest standard practice. According to King (2003), readers of academic writing want assurance that the knowledge and the information presented in academic writing are accurate and trustworthy. Besides enhancing the quality of the study, it also helps the writers to minimize risk of adverse outcomes. Ethical integrity involves Ethics and Etiquette. By obeying ethical integrity, fraudulent publication, plagiarism, duplicate publication, authorship, and potential for conflict of interest can be minimized.

Ethical Principles need to be emphasized in academic writing since as academic writers, we should follow academic writing rules. Encouragement for appropriate and ethical principles in writing has been done directly and indirectly by some faculty advisors at academic writing such as thesis or dissertation (Kim, E.Y.J and La Bianca, A.S., 2017).Ethical Principles that should be hold by academic writers are Honesty, objectivity, integrity, carefulness, openness, confidentiality, and respect for intellectual property. Honesty means that writers should report data, results, methods and procedures, and publication status honestly. Writers must not fabricate, falsify, or misrepresent data. Objectivity principle in this topic refers to avoid bias in all aspects such as data analysis and discussion. The next principle that should be hold is integrity. It refers to keep the agreement that have been made and do every particular thing with sincerity. Carefulness becomes the next principle.

Carefulness in this context refers to avoid errors and negligence in examining own and peer academic writing. Openness principle in this theme refers to open in receiving criticism, new ideas, and willingness to share the data, result, discussion, etc. Next principle is Confidentiality. Protection towards paper submitted for publication and confidential communications are included in this principle. The last principle is respect for intellectual property. It means that writers must be honor to patents, copyrights, and other forms of intellectual property. Crediting and collaborating references also part of this principle.

Several issues commonly come up in academic writing. There are possibilities for scientific fraud commonly happens intentionally and unintentionally in academic writing. According to Kumar et al (2014), unintentional and intentional issues in academic writing are caused by the lack of education in writing among the educational institution. According to Zietman (2013),Between 2001 and 2010, the number of unreal manuscripts accepted by listed medical journals increased by 44%. Conscious misdemeanors rather than honest errors can be found from that majority of the result findings. It is done by reprehensible people who do not respect to academic life (Christopher Martyn, 2003). Issues come up in academic writing are difficult to be detected. None of the readers know its prevalence. According to Heitman (2011), knowing the characteristics of fraud in academic writing is one of the ways to avoid the issues

Universities in the world take those aforementioned issues seriously. Universities around the world have prepared their software program to detect the percentage of plagiarism in order to keep their reputation. The most famous software used to detect the percentage of plagiarism in Indonesia is Turnitin program. This program has capability to recognize the plagiarism by detecting copy passage of text without providing the references indication. This issue seriously prohibited to hinder morally offense in academic writing. For this reason, we provide ethic and etiquette of academic writing in this study.

**D. Conclusion**

The ethicality is meant to serve the academic writers in writing. Promoting integrity is really essential for academic life. An honour code in academic writing requires a commitment of value such as honesty, responsibility, and legaty. These ethical criteria for good practice in academic research must be considered seriously. In line with this, the researchers are expected to create and sustain a climate of the individual academic nature by strenghthening on the ethical principles.

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