

REPORT TO FACULTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON COPYRIGHT

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The campus-wide Copyright Committee began its work this fall. The charge to the Committee comes from a Faculty Council resolution passed when the 1998-99 Ad Hoc Committee on Copyright reported to this Council.

Charge

The University Committee on Copyright is charged with representing the needs of faculty and other users of scholarly information to the Chancellor and the University community. To that end, the Committee will work with the Director of the Office of Scholarly Communication to propose and monitor the application of University policies and guidelines regarding ownership and use of copyrighted or licensed scholarly works. Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

The Committee will monitor trends in such areas as institutional or consortial copyright use policies; changes in copyright ownership models; and guidelines for fair use of information in electronic formats. The Committee will identify new areas in which policy development is needed, and will recommend to the Chancellor new policies or revisions to existing institutional policies and guidelines in these and other related areas.

The Committee will assist in identifying educational needs of the faculty and others related to compliance with copyright policies and guidelines and will advise on appropriate ways to address those needs.

The Committee, in cooperation with the Office of Scholarly Communication, will advocate for public policy that protects the rights of creators of scholarly information while supporting its fair use, in various forums such as professional societies and organizations.

Prior to the appointment of this committee, President Molly C. Broad created a system-wide Intellectual Property Task Force (IPTF) charged with developing a policy framework on copyright use that can be used by each campus to assist it in developing its own copyright policy. The IPTF is outlining an education program that will provide information and assistance to faculty and staff on copyright. The Task Force is also charged with recommending a policy on copyright ownership. Finally, the Task Force is looking at campus patent policies to make sure that they comport with any changes recommended in copyright. One certain recommendation is that each campus create a committee on copyright. The IPTF will report to the President by the end of March, 2000.

The campus committee is somewhat ahead of the curve and certainly other campuses in the system because of the work of the earlier committee. However, the forthcoming IPTF report has meant that this committee must delay much of its work until it is released.

Plans for the remainder of the year and for the next few years include:

1. Update the campus copyright use policy, especially on electronic formats.
2. Propose new policies in areas needed.
3. Reinstate plans to hire a copyright officer for the campus.
4. Plan and coordinate implementation of a copyright education policy.
5. Consider areas of overlap that might exist between the Copyright Committee and the Faculty Information technology Advisory Committee and propose solutions.
6. Assist the Provost in crafting responses to correspondence from the Association of American Publishers and other content providers.

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