ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON COPYRIGHT TO THE FACULTY COUNCIL
April 6, 2018

Members: Lee Bollinger, University Counsel, ex officio; Neal Caren, Sociology; Tyler Curtain, English and Comparative Literature; Eric Everett, Pediatric Dentistry; Michael Fern, Computer Science; Anne Gilliland, University Libraries, Chair; Nicholas Graham, University Libraries; Paul Jones, Media and Journalism; Katya Pertsova, Linguistics; Jackie Quay, Office of Commercialization and Economic Development; John Sherer, University Press, ex officio; Chastan Swain, Graduate representative; Sue Tolleson-Rhinehart, Pediatrics

Report submitted by Anne Gilliland, Scholarly Communications Officer, University Libraries, Chair.

Charge of the Committee
The committee represents to the chancellor and the University community the concerns of faculty and other users and creators of scholarly information. The committee’s functions include: monitoring trends in such areas as institutional or consortial copyright use policies, changes in copyright ownership models, and guidelines for fair use of information in all formats; identifying areas in which policy development is needed and recommending to the chancellor new or revised institutional policies and guidelines; cooperating with the administration to propose and monitor the application of University policies and guidelines regarding ownership and use of copyrighted or licensed scholarly works; and assisting in identifying educational needs of the faculty and others related to compliance with copyright policies and guidelines, and advising on appropriate ways to address those needs.

Activities in 2017/18
This year the Committee’s activities have focused on monitoring trends and developments that pertain to copyright in higher education.

In addition, we have monitored the progress of implementing the changes to the Copyright Policy that we recommended in 2016 to better accommodate some situations pertaining to copyright ownership of software. These recommendations led to the need to make corresponding changes in the university’s Patent and Invention Policy. Currently, the recommendations to amend both policies are in process. They are undergoing review in accordance with the Office of Ethics Education and Policy Management’s procedure for the adoption of new policies.

With the assistance of the Office of Faculty Governance, the Copyright Committee will sponsor a workshop on copyright basics for faculty later this month. Anne Gilliland will give the workshop on April 17 at 2:00 in the Research Hub, second floor of Davis Library.