Dear Colleagues:

I am enclosing for systemwide review a proposed revision of a presidential policy on copyright and fair use. The 1986 Policy on the Reproduction of Copyrighted Materials for Teaching and Research has been totally revamped, and renamed the University of California Policy on Copyright and Fair Use. The policy revision was prepared by the SLASIAC Standing Subcommittee on Copyright Policy with input from the Office of General Counsel’s informal “Copyright Working Group.” It was approved by the University’s Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (http://library.universityofcalifornia.edu/slasiac) on October 24, 2013.

The revision was necessary due to changes in law, technology, and academic practices that make the 1986 policy, which specifically addresses photocopying of copyrighted materials, inaccurate and out of line with current practice. With its long descriptions of copyright law and inclusion of outdated guidelines and appendixes, the old policy no longer conforms to UC’s current policy template. Instead of a multipage document, the revised policy is a brief overarching statement. Non-policy material has been removed from the policy itself and made available on the UC Copyright website, where educational materials and additional guidance can be monitored and updated.

Note that, in conjunction with the revised policy, a revamped and updated UC Copyright website (http://copyright.universityofcalifornia.edu/) was launched in mid-February. The website will continue to provide guidance for complying with copyright law and general information on copyright and fair use in the academic setting. As the group in charge of maintaining the site, the SLASIAC Standing Subcommittee on Copyright Policy will continue to monitor the information provided on the website and to update it as needed.

Comments on the revised University of California Policy on Copyright and Fair Use should be submitted to Joanne Miller (joanne.miller@ucop.edu) by May 23, 2014. Questions or requests for information may be directed to Joanne Miller via email or phone (510) 587-6141. The draft revised policy and all background materials may be found online at: (http://library.universityofcalifornia.edu/sscp/resources).

Cordially,

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Enclosed:
• University of California Policy on Copyright and Fair Use (Draft for Review)
• 1986 Policy on Reproduction of Copyrighted Materials for Teaching and Research
• Red-lined comparison of old and revised policy.

Also see the SLASIAC Subcommittee on Copyright Policy’s website (http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/sscp/resources) for more information and all of the resources for reviewing the policy.

*The Subcommittee composition is defined in the SLASIAC charge: 
In addition to the Chair, the subcommittee will be composed of: one Academic Council representative (normally, the Vice Chair of Academic Council), three faculty members, one of the CoUL representatives from SLASIAC, a Research Vice Chancellor, the Office of General Counsel representative from SLASIAC, and additional faculty and campus administrators as needed to provide appropriate perspectives, either on an ongoing basis or to address specific policy issues before the Subcommittee.