

**D R A F T cover from Provost Dorr for  
Second Revision of UC Copyright and Fair Use Policy**

Dear Colleagues:

I am enclosing for systemwide review a second-round revision of the revised UC Policy on Copyright and Fair Use. Formerly known as the 1986 “Policy on the Reproduction of Copyrighted Materials for Teaching and Research,” the policy has become a statement by the University in support of copyright law and in defense of the “fair use” principle ~~of fair use~~.

The guidelines that were included as attachments to the 1986 policy are now out of date. They were too detailed and tied to a specific moment in time. Policies can take years to revise, while interpretation of copyright law can change based on court decisions and amendments. The guidance that faculty, students, and staff seek for understanding copyright and fair use can be found on the UC Copyright website, from campus librarians who are well-versed in the intricacies of educational uses of copyrighted material, and from the Office of General Counsel where appropriate. Many copyright related questions do not require legal advice. Assistance in determining what type help is needed with a specific issue can be found by sending an email message to [copyright@ucop.edu](mailto:copyright@ucop.edu).

In its review of the revised policy, the Academic Council asked, among other things, that the policy specifically state that the University will “defend employees who reproduce copyrighted materials in the good faith belief that they are doing so in compliance with the law.” A statement to that effect has been added.

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.” This second draft was approved by the University’s Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (<http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/slasiac>) on \_\_\_\_\_. The SLASIAC Standing Subcommittee on Copyright Policy<sup>1</sup> will continue to monitor and update the information on the website.

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

Cordially,

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<sup>1</sup>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.