

Status of the UC Copyright and Fair Use Policy Revision
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Round 2: SLASIAC Standing Subcommittee on Copyright Policy (SSCP)

The SLASIAC Standing Subcommittee on Copyright Policy (SSCP) evaluated the comments from the formal review of the draft policy revision and edited it to address concerns expressed in the review.

Additions to the second-round policy draft include:

- A statement confirming that the University will defend faculty “who act in good faith” and within the scope of their University employment.
- Specific considerations for fair use.
- A statement that the University will provide support for faculty regarding their academic copyright concerns.

In addition, the cover letter more clearly states why the outdated guidelines were removed from the policy.

The SLASIAC Standing Subcommittee on Copyright Policy reviewed the second-round draft policy and cover letter, and approved both documents on January 20.

Round 2: Academic Planning Council

The Academic Planning Council discussed the second-round draft at its meeting on January 30.

At the APC meeting, the Provost directed that the phrase “it is the policy of UC . . .” be added to the policy, and asked for verification of the statement in the transmittal letter that the SLASIAC Standing Subcommittee on Copyright Policy maintains the UC Copyright website. Robin Garrell, a SLASIAC member who is also on the APC said that the policy itself should also indicate who or what agency is responsible for keeping the website and resource materials up to date. If these changes are made, APC does not need to review the draft policy again.

The draft policy has to go out again for systemwide review but it can be a thirty day review period, and for limited review by key stakeholders, e.g., Divisional chairs, Senate library committee, university librarians, EVCs, systemwide faculty welfare committee, Extension Deans. Once limited systemwide review is complete it can come back to Provost Dorr for action, i.e., recommendation for approval by the President.