

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE
REPORT FOR FACULTY SENATE
DECEMBER 2020 MEETING**

Copyright Policy

Background:

The Committee passed a final draft of a new proposed Copyright Policy (ACAF 1.35) on April 25, 2019, after feedback from the Faculty Advisory Committee.

The proposed Copyright Policy was then sent to the Faculty Advisory Committee for approval last spring. This led to robust debate among some members of the faculty over some of the provisions of the proposed policy, particularly regarding copyright in digital course materials.

Over the summer, the draft policy has been under review by the General Counsel's Office, the Provost's Office, and others. This has led to several proposed changes to the draft policy, including the suggestion that we examine how other universities have addressed copyright issues in the context of technology-enhanced courses.

Latest Developments:

An ad-hoc committee with representation from a variety of stakeholders has been established under the auspices of the Provost's Office to address the various concerns that have arisen in discussions of the draft.

The members of the ad-hoc committee are as follows:

- George Lampl III (Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel)
- Eric Robinson (Assistant Professor, College of Information and Communications; Chair, Intellectual Property Committee)
- Tom Reichert (Dean, College of Information and Communications; Council of Academic Deans)
- Ernest Jenkins (UofSC Lancaster; Chair, Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate)
- Liam Hein (Associate Professor, College of Nursing)
- Sanela Porca (Professor of Economics and International Business, UofSC Aiken)
- Cheryl Addy (Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate School)

The first meeting of this ad-hoc committee was scheduled to be held on Nov. 30

In advance of the ad-hoc committee meeting, the Intellectual Property Committee met on Oct. 5 and outlined issues and concerns that should be addressed as the formulation of the proposed Copyright Policy continues.

Respectfully submitted,

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