

University Committee on Copyright
Minutes

Friday, March 6, 2009

Undergraduate Library Conference Room

Present: Leah Dunn, Robert Dalton, Tyler Curtain, Michael Hoefges, Virginia Neelon, Sarah Michalak, Sian Hunter, Cathy Innes, Mark Swails.

Absent: David Montgomerie, Fletcher Fairey, Deborah Gerhardt,

1. Fair Use Lecture Follow up

Leah Dunn followed-up on Anthony Falzone's March 3rd fair use lecture. Committee members agreed that the event was a success. The lecture was very well attended by over 130 people, a standing room only crowd. Leah offered a special thank you to Michael Hoefges for his work planning and promoting the event. The lecture was broadcast as a live web-cast and captured as a streamable pod-cast. The lecture will be placed online once adequate server space is found and a link to the podcast will be placed on the websites for the library, the journalism school, the copyright committee, and the Stanford fair use project.

2. Review of Minutes.

The committee approved the minutes from their previous meeting without any changes.

3. Sample Student Work Release

Leah Dunn presented a preliminary draft of a student work release along with some sample guiding language. Committee members recommended that the form be modified to more clearly reflect student's options about anonymising or claiming credit for their work. The form will also be modified with more obvious either/or check boxes.

Committee members suggested that the guiding language be modified to reflect how seeking permission to use student's work is a "professional courtesy," and they added this language directly to the draft. The committee reiterated its desire to raise awareness about using student work and provide a means of doing so in rare instances when formal permission is required. Once corrected, the committee agreed to place the guiding language up on their website and revise it based on the feedback they receive.

4. Fair Use Tutorial – Final Review

Test Server Tutorial URL:

<https://www.lib.unc.edu:9000/copyright/tutorial/>

Username: wizard

Password: bijcnivu

The committee reviewed the final version of the Fair Use Tutorial. Committee members suggested that the language of one question, about asking faculty colleagues to use their work, be modified to illustrate how publishing agreements often transfer copyrights. The committee members also slightly modified the answer of another question clarifying the status of works published without a copyright notice between 1976 and 1989. The corrected tutorial will be moved from the test server to the committee's live site.

Tyler Curtain proposed that the committee organize a workshop to educate faculty members and graduate students about the publishing agreements they sign and their implications for copyright. He also suggested that the content of this workshop be posted online for faculty members who cannot attend. The committee supported the idea.

4. Review of Annual Report

The committee reviewed a draft of their annual report. They approved the report with a small change to the language. Leah Dunn will submit the report on Friday, March 13th and present to the faculty council on March 20th. All committee members were invited to attend.