May 5, 2015

AIMÉE DORR
PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Re: UC Policy on Copyright and Fair Use – Final Review

Dear Aimée,

At its April 29 meeting, the Academic Council unanimously endorsed the revisions to UC Policy on Copyright and Fair Use that you recently circulated for Final Review. Council also received comments from the UCI and UCSB Senate divisions that are appended to this letter.

Council is pleased that the new draft responds directly to the Senate’s June 2014 request that the Policy take a more assertive stance in advocating for the faculty’s Fair Use rights to copyrighted materials. Council welcomes the inclusion of the statement that the University will defend employees who use copyrighted materials in the good faith belief that they are doing so in compliance with the law. Council also appreciates the inclusion of language articulating the University’s responsibility to provide guidance and resources for faculty to increase their understanding of copyright and to help them follow the law.

Thank you for the opportunity to opine. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mary Gilly, Chair
Academic Council

Encl.

Cc: Academic Council
   Vice Provost Carlson
   Principal Analyst Miller
   Executive Director Baxter
   Senate Executive Directors
April 15, 2015

Mary Gilly, Chair, Academic Council
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RE: Systemwide Final Review of Proposed Revisions to the UC Policy on Copyright and Fair Use

At its meeting of April 7, 2015, the Irvine Division Senate Cabinet discussed the proposed revisions to the UC Policy on Copyright and Fair Use which would bring the policy in alignment with current changes in law, technology, and academic practices.

In this final review of the proposed policy revisions, the Cabinet raised two issues for consideration.

• The language around the use of copyright materials remains ambiguous and would benefit from greater specificity.
• With the proposed changes in the UC Policy, it’s important that the UC’s copyright website provide thorough, reliable, and up to date resources and information for understanding copyright and fair use guidelines.

The Irvine Division appreciates the opportunity to provide its input.

Sincerely,

William Molzon,
Irvine Division Senate Chair

c: Hilary Baxter, Executive Director, Academic Senate
    Natalie Schonfeld, Executive Director, Academic Senate, Irvine Division
April 22, 2015

Mary Gilly, Chair
Academic Senate

RE: UC Policy on Copyright and Fair Use

Dear Mary,

At the UCSB Division, most Senate Councils and Committees were provided the opportunity to comment on the final review of the UC Policy on Copyright and Fair Use and several groups responded. Graduate Council, the Council on Faculty Issues and Awards, the Council on Research and Instructional Resources, and the Faculty Executive Committees from the Graduate School of Education and the College of Creative Studies all expressed support for the final version. CFIA noted that the UC “will defend its employees who use copyrighted materials in an informed, good faith manner and within the scope of their University employment”

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Chair
Santa Barbara Division