

ANNUAL REPORT

University Standing Committee on Copyright

Academic Year Covered by Report: 2014-2015

Date Report Submitted: May 1, 2015

Report Submitted by Samuel Snyder, Chairperson

Number of times committee met: two (2)

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE

Committee discussion/action included these items:

1. Introduction of members
2. Review of committee charge
3. Change from a Standing Committee to an Advisory Committee
4. Election of Committee Chair for 2015-2016

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISION OF CHARGE AND/OR MEMBERSHIP CONFIGURATION

1. Russell Flinchum was elected as Committee Chair for 2015-2016.
2. With the appointment of William Cross as Director of the Copyright & Digital Scholarship Center and his role in reviewing copyright disclosures, the role of this committee in resolving copyright disputes has decreased dramatically. Recognizing that the labels may not be correct, the Committee recommends a change in its status from "normal standing" to "advisory when/if needed." That is, the Committee would be convened only when needed to resolve a copyright dispute not resolved satisfactorily by the Director of the Copyright & Digital Scholarship Center, or when there was a perceived need to review/revise the relevant regulation or perform some other aspect of the committee charge.

Will Cross, Shawn Troxler, and Sam Snyder were charged to prepare this recommendation to be forwarded to Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Betsy Brown for transmittal to the Committee on Committees.