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Policy on Use of Recordings of Course Presentations

Enclosed is the new [Policy on Use of Recordings of Course Presentations](#). This Policy was developed by the UC Standing Committee on Copyright (<http://www.ucop.edu/copyright/>) in consultation with the campuses and the Academic Senate. This Policy is effective immediately.

The University's goal in preparing this Policy was to provide a tool that could effectively assist campuses with the known problem of the unauthorized taking and selling of lecture notes, and some technological variants of this practice that could reasonably be foreseen, such as unauthorized videotaping for commercial purposes, in a way that did not unduly interfere with longstanding academic customs or infringe on the legitimate rights and expectations of faculty and students.

The Policy also touches briefly on issues of privacy and copyright related to the recording of course presentations, but only to provide a reminder that these factors must be considered. The legal rights involved are independent of University policy, arising from state and federal privacy statutes, copyright law, and the like, and their applicability will depend on the specific facts of each situation.

The technologies that might be employed to record classroom presentations and the ways in which these technologies might be used to abuse the integrity and quality of the teaching and learning experience at UC are constantly changing. The Standing Committee on Copyright is interested to hear about campus experiences that are not addressed in this Policy, in order to refine and improve it in the future. In this regard, please contact the Committee's staff, Gary Lawrence, Director of Systemwide Library Planning, at (510) 987-9461 or Gary.Lawrence@ucop.edu.

Julius Zelmanowitz, Vice Provost for Academic Initiatives, can provide assistance on implementation and questions of interpretation. He can be reached at (510) 987-9413 or Julius.Zelmanowitz@ucop.edu.

Sincerely,

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