

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

Copyright Policy

After five years of work, including consultation with faculty and administration at Columbia and other campuses, the Committee submitted a proposal for a new Copyright Policy (ACAF 1.35), which has been formally adopted as university policy.

The new Copyright Policy is part of a package of changes, including a major revision to the University's Intellectual Property Policy (ACAF 1.33) to remove copyright provisions and focus the policy on patentable works, and repealing the out-of-date Software Policy (ACAF 1.39).

The new Intellectual Property Policy generally provides that faculty will typically hold the copyrights to academic works they create within the scope of their employment, in any medium (including online), subject to a few, limited exceptions such as work funded by an external entity that requires it own the work as a condition of the funding.

A "Frequently Asked Questions" explainer for the new policy is linked in the online posting of the new policy, and is also enclosed with this report.

I would like to thank all of those who worked on this important project, including the members of the Intellectual Property Committee, the members of the ad-hoc committee throughout the USC system who weighed in on the changes, Faculty Senate Chair Mark Cooper, and legal counsel George Lempl.

Committee Membership

My term on the committee and as chair end in August. The membership of the committee for 2021-22 will be as follows:

Name	Position	Department	Term Expires
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Respectfully submitted,

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