

Motion: Modification of the Policy on Recording Class and Distribution of Course Materials (Policy D.6.12)

Proposed changes are **in red**

General Procedures for Implementation: Recordings and any or all other course materials **including lecture notes and assignments**, may not be exchanged or distributed for commercial purposes, **for compensation**, or for any other purpose other than study by the students **enrolled** in the class. **Public distribution of such materials by students may constitute copyright infringement in violation of federal or state law, or University policy.**

Rationale:

The CAS Faculty Council (see communication below) asked that we develop a policy regarding the distribution of course materials *via* the website StudySoup.com, which makes them available for purchase.

To: University Academic Affairs Committee

From: CAS Faculty Council, deb O'Dell, Chair

Dear Davis,

Sarah Morealli has discovered that a student in her class is selling her class notes to a commercial site called StudySoup.com. This site then effectively sells the notes to students by requiring a subscription. Not only are class notes posted, but study guides created by students for exams are also posted.

There is concern regarding this practice in that: 1) material that is posted may contain copyright material from the instructor, and 2) material in items such as study guides may be posted after a student takes an exam, providing information regarding exams to other students who may not have yet taken the exam.

Her class is not the only class represented; there are numerous submissions from courses in Economics, Religion, as well as courses from the College of Business. There are at this point submissions of Final Exam Study guides from Spring 2018 Courses that were posted in August 2018.

There are also documents which include graphics from a textbook authored by Steve Greenlaw that is lacking author attribution . Although the image was obtain from an open source textbook, and people may use the graphics even commercially, OpenStax requires that the graphics require a citation indicating the original author (see below for the OpenStax policy on use of material). This is in my mind an Honor Violation and since it is available everywhere now via internet, a serious reflection on our institution. I have sent a separate email to David Rettinger regarding this.

Hi Deborah,

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I hope this information is helpful. Please let me know if I can help with anything further.

Sincerely,

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We would like to ask UAAC to look into this practice and if necessary develop a policy statement on this practice.

Thank you,

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