Copyright for Educators: Avoid Legal Issues in the Classroom

Steven J. McDonald, General Counsel, Rhode Island School of Design, led the recent webinar.

Copyright is a complex and frustrating issue, for both copyright holders and those who want to make use of copyrighted materials. McDonald gave a well-reasoned presentation on a variety of issues related to higher education and distant learning that helped relieve some of the confusion. Some of the issues included:

- Current copyright law is 70 years + the life of the author.
- Copyright is a limited right, and there are several fair uses of copyrighted material.
- Work done for hire belongs to the person who hired the employee. Independent contractors also fall under the work for hire area. In the case of joint ownership, creating a contract ahead of time to spell out who has control is recommended.
- If there is no copyright owner, the work is in the public domain, usually published before 1923, or a work created by a federal government employee. Cornell has a good website: http://copyright.cornell.edu/resources/publicdomain.cfm to define when something is in the public domain.

The Copyright Clearance Center (http://www.right.com/) can provide (for a price) individual or blanket licenses.

The Creative Commons (http://creativecommons.org/) licenses typically allow you to use a work as long as you give ownership information.

The TEACH Act identifies and limits the use of copyrighted material in distance education. The University of Texas summary: http://www.utsystem.edu/ogc/intellectualproperty/teachact.htm

As complex as these rights and limitations are, the courts look first for a good faith effort to comply with the limitations. The brochure at http://www.knowyourcopyrights.org/ is particularly helpful in giving you a brief overview. A copy of the workshop DVD will be available soon.

By Melissa Huffman

-a-Book Book Sale

The Library Club’s Love-a-Book Book Sale is planned again for February 14-15.

Clean out your book shelves and pass on your book treasures. You might also get into those books you’ve been storing in the attic or garage. We’ll take them. Bring them by the LRC any time between now and then.

“A Book Sale is a great way to recycle. Others can enjoy the books as much as you did,” said Library Club President Jillian Whitaker.

The books are sold at one price, depending on format—hardbacks and paperbacks. Some gift videos have been given this year, as well.

TO DO:
- Clean out books.
- Bring to LRC.
Did You Know about These Links?

By Jessica Weatherby, Library Reference Assistant

There are new links in the LRC’s Web Research Links. A new section with Fraud links has been added thanks to Melissa Huffman.

Fraud

Here are a few of the links added to other sections:

Chemistry

Chemical Education Digital Library – A collection of digital tools and resources for teaching and learning chemistry.

Science

Sumanas Science Animations — Animations can be viewed with narration or in a step-by-step format. Each animation is accompanied by an optional quiz.

Virtual Cell Animation Collection – A collection of still images and animations covering cellular and molecular processes. Professors can create a free virtual cell class for their students.

World Wide Telescope - Browse the universe in 3D and view celestial objects through different types of images from observatories around the world.

The National Science Foundation (http://www.nsf.gov/discoveries/) provides access to information about new research and discoveries that have been made through their grants. You may subscribe to an RSS feed to have the latest updates.

Students are desperate, especially this time of the semester when funding sources are not yet available.

If you see a textbook representative, you might also ask for a donated copy of the text. We are not trying to kill a sale, but provide a stopgap book, until students have access to grants. Thanks for your help!

The Library is accepting textbook donations for students to have access.

Textbooks

The Library’s textbook collection is still small compared with the number of classes we teach. We now have about 55 textbooks.

If you have an extra copy of a textbook you are willing to give the Library, please send them to Mary Kirk, Coordinator, Library Access Services.

“Online tutoring provides access to tutors 24/7. The average session is over 30 minutes.”

Tutoring Services

Tutoring is off to a fast-paced semester.

Tutors are still needed in these subjects:

- All Chemistry, including Organic Chemistry
- Physiology
- Medical Terminology
- A&P (Anatomy & Physiology)

If you know students you would like to recommend, please contact them and let them know we have openings. Students should have had a B in the course they will tutor.

Online tutoring

Tutor.com’s Online Tutoring service is still increasing in usage. It is available 24/7.

Please refer students who have questions in Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, Algebra, writing, social sciences. Math and sciences are the most used.

Students log into a chatroom environment and “talk” with a tutor. Files may be uploaded for feedback. Math symbols are available. The average session is around 30 minutes. Recommend this to your students.

Quick access is available by using http://lrc.rose.edu and selecting Online tutoring.
Representatives from various archival and research collections from the central Oklahoma area will be on campus on Monday, February 14, as part of a quarterly meeting of COAL, the Central Oklahoma Archives League. Member institutions include:

- Rose State College Special Collections
- OKC National Memorial Museum
- Langston University
- Oklahoma State University Archives
- University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
- Oklahoma Christian University
- Chesapeake Energy Corporation Archives
- Okla. Historical Society
- National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum Archives
- State Archives of Oklahoma
- University of Central Okla. Museum Studies
- Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society
- University of Oklahoma Western History Collection
- University of Oklahoma Carl Albert Congressional Archives
- University of Central Oklahoma Museum Studies
- Oklahoma State University Oral History Collection
- Oklahoma City University Archives
- Southern Nazarene University Archives
- State Archives of Oklahoma
- University of Central Oklahoma Archives
- Oklahoma State University Oral History Collection
- Oklahoma City University Archives
- Southern Nazarene University Archives

Hosted by the Rose State College Learning Resources Center, the meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will feature presentations from Carolyn Hust and Bj Vinson on RSC’s Special Collections.

The second presentation will be Helen Stiefmiller and Pam Bell, Curator’s for the Oklahoma City National Memorial Archive.

Welcome to Sebastian Anthony Coyle, born December 12. The proud Papa is Nathan Coyle, Electronics & Telecommunications Services.

Best wishes to Amanda McMillan, library public services assistant. She has resigned and moved to Bartlesville. We’ll miss you, Amanda! She has been our newsletter editor and jane-of-all-trades in the evening for several years.

Dr. Brad Robison was recently reappointed to the Oklahoma Historical Records Advisory Board (OHRAB) by outgoing Governor Brad Henry. OHRAB “serves the public as the central advisory board for historical records projects in Oklahoma. It is one of 56 similar boards active in all states, territories, and the District of Columbia. Brad has served on this board since 1997 when he was appointed by Governor Frank Keating.

Welcome to our newest LRC staff members.

- Thomas Taylor and Kimberly Schriewer are the new evening and weekend Information desk clerks.
- Michael Golover is the new Circulation Technician.
- Gabriel Cessant is the new Office Assistant.
- New tutors are available to serve RSC students.
- Dr. Brad Robison began in September as the Reference/Special Projects Librarian. He was most recently at the Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism Library and was at Okla. Christian University.

Katy Blan, Tutoring Supervisor, retired in December. She has always been the person from whom you could count on a smile. She cheerfully managed our 45+ tutors and matched students with subjects and times. She juggled so much at once, and she made it look easy.

Katy Blan has been a staple as Tutoring Supervisor since 1981. What a challenge! And she did it with class!
“Some students begin the semester overwhelmed and stressed. Call Special Services (733-7373) or DSR (733-7407).”

Everyone employed by RSC has a role in providing accommodations! **YOU** have responsibilities and serve as an "ambassador" as we meet needs and do the right thing regardless of your role on campus.

There is a new link on our internal web page for the "In Their Shoes" web presentation. At [http://www.int.rose.edu/](http://www.int.rose.edu/) in the center “Bulletin” section at the bottom. Click on this to complete the online exercise that is designed to help us all understand better what life is like for students with disabilities. You will find this to be informative and educational.

The use of technology in classrooms is growing by leaps and bounds. When planning how to use new methods, please continue to be mindful of how the technology impacts access for all students in your classes. This includes blind or low vision, deaf or low hearing, as well as all other disabilities. Universal design brings attention to planning access from initial design, which is always much better than trying to retro-fit after the fact. Dana and Chris have done a great job of being mindful of this with online design. This also includes videos or even video clips used in PowerPoint presentations being captioned.

An accommodation sometimes questioned by faculty is allowing students to tape record lectures. ADA is a civil right and the following ruling is already on record: "In addition, institutions of higher education also may not impose rules that have the effect of limiting the participation of students with disabilities, such as prohibiting tape recording in the classroom (Section 104.44(b))."

Faculty, you may have students who do not perform well. Each semester I hear the question, "Can I fail a student with disabilities?" The response is, "Can you fail any student?" Not that we ever want anyone to fail, but application of the same standards must be our goal. "Sympathy grades" really do not do anyone a favor - the student nor future professors. Just be your usual, consistent self in reporting the grades that each student earns. Faculty responsibility is met by following the approved accommodations granted on the official form.

Some students begin the semester overwhelmed and stressed. Sometimes "life" interferes with learning or even just day-to-day functioning. If you know of any one on campus who is having difficulty (students or faculty/staff) and might benefit from counseling, please refer them to Special Services and Student Outreach (SSB101 – 733-7373) or to DSR (LRC125).

DSR is here to serve students and campus personnel as we encourage others to do their best to obtain individual goals.

For more information about services for students with disabilities, to refer students wishing to request accommodations, or if you have questions concerning approved accommodations, please contact Janet Griffith at 733-7407 or stop by LRC 125. The welcome mat is always out!

Have a GREAT semester!
Go to http://lrc.rose.edu then select Online Databases to access the index to RSC publications.


These are great resources for students who are looking for sources to cite for their local issues papers, as well as find a record of that letter to the editor they wrote or that brief article about an event they are trying to track down. Or maybe they are trying to find material written by one of their professors....Pegasus or Logos might have exactly the one piece they need. You might need a citation of your own poem or writing that appeared in Pegasus for your curriculum vitae. Although the full text of the Rose State publications is not available online (except for the 2010 edition of the 15th Street News), the LRC holds the issues for everything that is indexed online in the Special Collections room in the Learning Resources Center. You can search by title, byline, subject, page, year, date, volume, or issue or any combination of those. Rose State history is not lost in the mists of time—it’s right at your fingertips!

Some students are having problems printing PowerPoint slides in the LRC. We are happy to help the students, but, as everyone else on campus, we have limited supply budgets.

• The ideal would be for faculty to make the slides available in a packet in the Bookstore. This ensures a quality print and saves everyone time. (you mounting the slides to D2L and students rushing in before class.)
• Many students do not know how to print more than one slide to a page. You might encourage them to use Handouts and select six as the number of slides per page, unless they are detailed slides. (Two per page might work in these instances.)
• Dark backgrounds on the slides present an issue, as well. They use more toner, which causes more jams in the printer. If you would like to change your background and don’t know how, please contact Melissa, ext. 7538.
• A dual page printer is now available to print slides on both sides of the paper. It is the printer on the east side of the reference area.
• Color printing is available; however, it is limited. Please ask your students to only use color, if needed.

Unified Fitness by John Alton (RA781.8 A478) has “the secret to excellent and lasting health.” This “unique 35-day program blends familiar Western exercises with more exotic Chinese one in a single routine that makes you healthier and helps you stay that way.” The program “interweaves the body, immune system, and the mind into a single exercise and dietary approach.”

Other titles include——
• Fitness Made Simple: The Power to Change Your Body, the Power to Change Your Life by John Basedow (GV481.B275) and

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Greetings, Rose State College! Electronics and Telecommunications Services (ETS) is once again excited about the new Spring Semester. We have been working diligently all winter long to provide the best possible services for our campus.

We recently completed an installation of a new state of the art sound system in the Raider Room. This system is enjoyed by many and has become a valuable asset to the Student Center.

ETS is in the process of gathering everything necessary to deploy a complete overhaul for the Luther High School and Guthrie High School Distance Education programs. Over the last couple of months, ETS worked closely with Beasley Communications of Tulsa to bring a more reliable service to Meeker High School, along with United Systems of Oklahoma City to bring an additional data link to Luther High School, as well. These data links have already proven to provide a more stable network environment, allowing us to provide a better service to our high school students in Meeker and Luther Oklahoma. Our department is also looking at extending service to the Bill Johnson Correctional Facility in Alva in support of Distance Education.

In addition to our usual duties relevant to distance education and electronics, ETS has been given the approval to invest in our digital television clock and messaging infrastructure. In the near future we will deploy a test program within the LRC to retrofit the messaging and digital clock monitors to larger flat panel displays. These new displays have earned the US Government's Energy Star seal of approval. The new models will consume 20 watts less than our current models. After pending approval, ETS will implement phase two – which would allow us to install new monitors campus wide gradually.

Through all of this, ETS is continuing its pursuit of excellence in serving the needs of Rose State College. Our primary duty is the servicing of classroom clocks, transparency projectors, televisions, and of course, distance learning. In fact, we would like to enlist you to our cause. If you notice a classroom clock displaying an incorrect time, please contact ETS at x6267. ETS will continue to serve the students, faculty, and staff in our never-ending quest for excellence in Electronics & Telecommunications Services! By Brent Fisher

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### Academic Testing Services

Academic Testing Services is located on the first floor of the LRC at the north end of the building, and administers make-up tests, advanced standing exams, the computer proficiency exam, WorkKeys exams, tests with accommodations and tests for Internet, hybrid and telecourse classes.

**FOR CURRENT HOURS**

Click on the following link. Select Academic Testing.

Click on the month you need to check.

http://lrc.rose.edu

**ATTENTION, PROFESSORS**

Before bringing tests to Testing Services, please

**Label each test with**

- Your name
- Course prefix and number
- The test number

This will prevent tests from being misplaced.

For additional information, Phone 733-7440.

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Check out our new look on the Web, coming in Feb.—
http://lrc.rose.edu