

# Association of Canadian Community Colleges

## College Reference Group on Copyright

### Summary notes from Conference Call

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#### Agenda items:

- 1) Tariff increase
  - 2) Renewal of Access Copyright license agreements
  - 3) Definition of University in Access Copyright's proposed tariff
  - 4) New Copyright legislation
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#### 1. Proposed Tariff Increase:

-colleges were unanimous regarding the need to block the proposed tariff by Access Copyright  
-reasons for non-support were numerous:

- budget cutbacks
- in many cases, new tariff would amount to more than entire college budgets for periodical and materials
- large segments of student population not using copyright documents
- instructors already go directly to publishers
- colleges already remit large amounts to Access Copyright
- concerns over content of proposed tariff not just hike in tariff
- digital copying a concern
  - # of items on exclusion list has grown exponentially
  - will increase costs of reporting, documenting
  - will require additional human resources to manage
  - concern over fair dealing rights
  - impact on IT regarding electronic access to files for auditing purposes

## **2. Renewal of Access Copyright license agreements:**

- licenses expire August 31
- new proposed tariff will be January 1
- ACCC received interim agreement:
  - 1) extension of current agreement (4 months)
  - 2) commitment after January 1 – will pay old rate until new rate is confirmed
  - Old rate until January 1 then retroactive reconciliation
- AUCC – 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal to Access Copyright splits proposed Interim Agreement
  - 1) extension of current agreements to Dec. 31, 2010
  - 2) Interim Agreement that would commit institutions to new tariff
- AUCC has advised their members to hold off on Interim Agreement
- recommendations for ACCC:
  - extend existing agreements as far as possible (preferably to certification of tariff or effective date of new tariff, whichever is later) without a commitment by college to go beyond the later date
    - minimal: extension of current agreement to December 31, 2010
    - Gives ACCC time to move forward
    - Need to review new legislation

## **3. Definition of university in Access Copyright's proposed tariff:**

- concerns expressed regarding students in a transfer programs? (e.g. taking 2-3 university courses)
- broker degrees with other institutions
- graduated or differentiated FTE formula

## **4. New Copyright Legislation:**

- ACCC has received summary of new proposed legislation as prepared by CMEC. Summary will be sent to conference call participants.