



## **POLICY 9.19**

### **Position**

#### *External Relations - Copyright*

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#### **POLICY RESPONSIBILITY**

Council

#### **POLICY**

WHEREAS copyright protection is an important incentive for the development of new intellectual content;

WHEREAS educational content not only requires strong protection of copyright, but also equally strong protection of the rights of the public to access and use this content;

WHEREAS technological changes can render previous purchases of intellectual content unusable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Athabasca University Students' Union strongly supports copyright legislation which allows the creations of copies and backups of legitimately purchased materials for permanent personal use;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Athabasca University Students' Union strongly defends the practices of Fair Dealing, and using limited portions of a copyrighted work in the creation of new intellectual content, where acknowledgement is provided to the copyright holder;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Athabasca University Students' Union will advocate against any copyright legislation that includes limitations on technological measures that can be used to circumvent Digital Rights Management technology in the pursuit of Fair Dealing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Athabasca University Students' Union condemns any infringement of copyright that is not Fair Dealing, and remains strongly against plagiarism in all forms.

#### **POLICY HISTORY**

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