

**A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE AMENDMENTS TO  
THE COPYRIGHT POLICY OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY (14/3)**

**WHEREAS**, the Faculty Senate has previously endorsed the adoption of the University's Copyright Policy in 1990 as well as subsequent amendments to that Policy in 1998 and 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the Copyright Policy is a matter of great interest and concern to the faculty, as it recognizes and affirms the intellectual property rights of faculty members in their copyrightable works, including scholarly publications, instructional materials and creative works; and

**WHEREAS**, the University Administration has proposed amendments to the Copyright Policy in the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, and members of a joint subcommittee of the Faculty Senate's Committees on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom (PEAF) and Research have reviewed those proposed amendments and have found them to be consistent with the intellectual property rights of faculty members as recognized under the University's existing Copyright Policy and under federal copyright law; and

**WHEREAS**, after receiving the joint subcommittee's advice, the PEAF Committee has reviewed and endorsed the proposed amendments to the Copyright Policy in the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration has provided to the Faculty Senate an unmarked copy of the Copyright Policy that incorporates the proposed amendments, which is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, the Faculty Senate believes that the proposed amendments to the Copyright Policy, as reflected on Exhibits A and B attached to this Resolution, are consistent with the best interests of the University and its faculty; **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY:**

- (1) That the Faculty Senate hereby endorses amendments to the University's Copyright Policy in the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A (marked to show changes from the University's existing Copyright Policy) and Exhibit B (unmarked); and
- (2) That the Faculty Senate understands and expects that future proposed amendments to the Copyright Policy will be presented to the Faculty Senate for its review and recommendations in accordance with the procedures followed in connection with the adoption of this Resolution.

Faculty Senate Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom  
November 20, 2014

**Adopted December 12, 2014**