

**2011/12 University Students' Council
Meeting #6
November 23, 2011**

Access Copyright Motion (2)

Whereas, Access Copyright requested that the Copyright Board of Canada issue a \$45 per full-time equivalent student (FTE) tariff to cover the copying of copyright protected publications;

Whereas, in response to the request, in April 2011 the Copyright Board of Canada issued an interim tariff to post-secondary institutions as it considers a final tariff amount;

Whereas, twenty-six Canadian universities – including Queen's University, the University of Alberta, Dalhousie University, and the University of Waterloo – 'opted-out' of the interim tariff and have taken steps to ensure Copyright compliance by utilizing other means;

Whereas, Western did not opt out of the interim tariff;

Whereas, Western significantly increased Access Copyright fees assessed to students, including an increase from \$2.90 to \$16.45 in June 2010 and from \$16.45 to \$30.00 in April 2011;

Whereas, the USC believes that the fee increases were arbitrary;

Whereas, Western did not seek consent from students to increase the fee, which the USC believes runs contrary to the principles of the government's ancillary fee protocol;

Be it resolved that, the University Students' Council advocate that The University of Western Ontario:

- Opt out of the Access Copyright interim tariff by August 31st, 2012;
- Cease collecting the \$30 Access Copyright fee from students in 2012-2013;
- Take steps to ensure the undergraduate educational experience is not affected by opting out of the Access Copyright interim tariff;
- Provide a financial report to the USC once the University opts out of Access Copyright detailing the total amount collected and the amount of interest earned on this set-aside amount;
- Enter into a memorandum of understanding with the University Students' Council by the USC Annual General Meeting in March 2012, regarding the usage or return to students of any left-over money after the Access Copyright tariff issue is resolved with the Copyright Board of Canada.

Be it further resolved that, the University Students' Council release a public statement communicating its opposition to the Access Copyright interim tariff and inform students about what the USC will be advocating to the The University of Western Ontario.

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