

## **Educational Policies Committee**

### **Policy 10.08: Policy on Online Learning and Intellectual Property Rights**

Approved by EPC, April 5, 2021

The current revision of policy 10.08, as approved by the EPC, addresses the following:

1. The Provost's June 15, 2020 clarification of intellectual property ownership, delineating between course materials developed by faculty paid a per-credit stipend, and those developed as a matter of course (including as part of a paid participatory workshop).
2. Circumstances wherein online course materials are needed by another faculty at the last minute in order to teach a course which was not created with a per-credit stipend and for which the faculty creator is unexpectedly unavailable (see §2.b). The proposed revision permits other faculty to utilize these materials for a maximum of one semester.
3. Questions of the extent and nature of "shared ownership" between faculty creators and collaborating entities for course materials developed with a per-credit stipend (see §3). The EPC proposes a two-year first right of refusal, with limitations, guaranteeing faculty creators the opportunity to exclusively teach said courses for a limited time, yet allowing collaborating entities and university divisions full use and access of course materials for future use and assignment to other instructors.

Also note the change in the policy title of "Distributed Learning" to "Online Learning"

§1, §4, §5, and §6 are copied directly from the previous version of the policy.