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Marsha,

I got the forwarded file with the proposed copyrights in Works of Authorship document, but it's not clear to whom I should direct my comments since Steven Craig just stepped down as Faculty Senate President and I can't recall who the new one is!

My one question has to do with the definition of 'extraordinary support' vs "normal resources." Beyond office space, leaves, phones etc, the University does have various grants, including the Small Grant Program, that can be used to pursue research that could result in a publication. However, the amounts are relatively small, \$3000 is the maximum award. Would that be considered 'extraordinary support' requiring that the University share in a copyright, which in the case of all 3 books I've published, is held by the publisher in any case and not the author. (ie if this small amount requires the Univ be added as copyright holder, it will hugely complicate contract negotiations with publishers in my experience). Just so we're clear, the total amount I have earned in royalties from the 3 books I've published is about \$230, so I hardly worry about sharing that! My concerns are 1) to set out what financial support would be extraordinary 2) prevent losing a book contract because authors have no flexibility in who holds copyright.

If you don't mind, can you please forward this to the new Faculty Senate President?

Thanks,

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