

Dear Member of the USC Faculty:

We would like to make you aware of information about copyright compliance that was sent to all students at USC when they registered for this academic year.

USC strives to educate all students about respect for intellectual property, including their obligation to comply with copyright laws. The university's copyright compliance letter, which has been sent to students on an annual basis for several years, provides an overview of situations in which copyright infringement is likely to occur and explains the serious financial and legal consequences of such infringement.

For the past few years, trade associations such as the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) have aggressively pursued copyright holders' rights and have been increasingly focused on file sharing by university students. In addition, the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (H.R. 4137) imposes federal requirements on colleges and universities to reduce illegal file sharing on campus networks. USC has taken the steps necessary to comply with our obligations, and we have notified students that use of their USC computer accounts for illegal purposes carries disciplinary and legal risks.

Since many students at USC are concerned about these issues, we would like you to be aware of the steps that we are taking to educate them. You can find a copy of the letter at [www.usc.edu/its/copyright/letter](http://www.usc.edu/its/copyright/letter).

Sincerely,

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