CAUL Strategic Plan

Copyright Report to CAUL

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Activity since last report

Derek Whitehead provided an excellent presentation on copyright for institutional repositories at the repositories meetings in Melbourne and Sydney in February.

Achievements since last report

1 Legislation passed in late 2006 has some significant benefits for libraries and for the higher education sector. The changes achieved are the result of significant efforts by libraries and universities.

2 Universities have begun to consider the options for a renewed agreement relating to used of the Part VB licence.

3 The AVCC has provided a draft version of a new FAQ for copyright officers and others closely involved in managing copyright (such as libraries), taking into account legislative change in 2006.

4 The Attorney-General's Department has announced a program for 2007 which includes:
   o the orphan works issue
   o the postponed consideration of safe harbour legislation which would apply to universities
   o new regulations currently being drafted to consider extending the definition of "Key Cultural Institutions" for the purposes of the new preservation exceptions (s 51B, s 110BA and s 112AA). This may include Universities, or at least special library collections within key University libraries.
   o Legal deposit amendments.

5 The amended legislation includes new exceptions in section 200AB which are likely to provide some significant opportunities for libraries. Two papers presented at the recent ACIPA Conference consider this new provision: see http://www.acipa.edu.au/frame_conferences_Feb2007.html

6 The ALCC / ADA Copyright Advisor, Sarah Waladan, left at the end of 2006. Her replacement, Laura Simes, commenced in March 2007.

7 DEST convened a meeting on 9 March in Brisbane with CAUL and others to consider the best approach to copyright issues arising in connection with the RQF.

Publicity, reports, publications since last report

A short report is provided below.

Plan for forthcoming activity

Attend ALCC meeting Canberra 25 May 2007
AICTEC is planning a copyright session in August.
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