**Senate Resolution 19/20-05**

**(Senate Bill 438):**

 **Institute a Copyright Notice on Canvas Courses**

History: At FSEC Nov. 14, 2019; passed First Reading that day

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WHEREAS, UAH has an established Copyright Policy to protect the content that is developed by its instructors for their courses, and

WHEREAS, UAH has established Canvas as its certified method to distribute such course content, and

WHEREAS, UAH does not publish a Copyright Policy or its tenants anywhere on Canvas as a reference by instructors or students, and

WHEREAS, UAH also does not required students to acknowledge their awareness of or agreement with its Copyright Policy or with its foundations under the Copyright Guidelines as currently in place in the United States, and

WHEREAS, when they are not given the requisite information on copyright principles and are not required to acknowledge such, students may operate on the presumption that no copyright guidelines apply to any content that is offered by instructors through the on-line delivery resources (Canvas) at UAH, and

WHEREAS, the presumption of ignorance by students can lead to copyright violations that are subsequently deleterious to the need of instructors to be able to publish their course work openly,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

UAH will present

(1) the Copyright Guidelines,

(2) the UAH Copyright Policy, and

(3) their underlying tenants in practice in the USA

either fully or using reference URLs, and

UAH will develop a Survey Form on Canvas that will be presented to any student who signs into Canvas to take courses at UAH and that will require students to acknowledge that they have read the Survey Form before they can be allowed to continue to their Canvas courses, and

The authorization step will be required from a student anew every semester.

An example of a Copyright Guideline statement that has been used as a Canvas Survey in courses at UAH is provided for reference in this resolution’s addendum (entitled Fair Use).