Copyright Office's Instructional Telecommunications Council Audioconference
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The Washington, D.C. based Instructional Telecommunications Council [ITC] is an affiliated council of the American Association of Community Colleges. The ITC was established in 1977 and represents higher education institutions in the United States and Canada, and is a leader in advancing distance education. The TEACH Act, section 110(2) of the Copyright Law addresses distance education and by law, limits the types of materials that can and cannot be used in the distance education classroom. Attending the Audioconference were representatives from:

- Dallas County Community College
- Rhodes State College, Ohio
- Mass Bay Community College, Massachusetts
- Oklahoma State University - Tulsa
- Illinois Central College
- Miami University
- Portland Community College, Oregon
- Columbus Technical College, Georgia
- Rowan Cabarrus Community College, North Carolina
- Virginia Community College
- Florida Community College
- Northeast Texas Consortium
- Harper College, Illinois
- Treasure Valley Community College, Oregon
- Coastline Community College, California
- Westmoreland County Community College, Pennsylvania
- Chemeketa Community College, Oregon
- Sinclair Community College, Ohio
- East Central College, Missouri
- Pierce College, Los Angeles
- Bucks County Community College, Pennsylvania

Attendees were familiarized with the do's and don'ts of using various types of performances and displays for instructional objectives, learning outcomes, and classroom enhancements in their distance education classrooms. Not only was the TEACH Act addressed but also how to use copyrighted materials through Fair Use, royalty free materials, and the Conference on Fair Use Multimedia Guidelines.

The Ball State University Libraries has, at the university level, one of the only online resources dedicated solely to faculty teaching online courses, The Copyright for Distance Educators Homepage: http://www.bsu.edu/library/collections/distanceed/faculty/.

For more information about the Instructional Telecommunications Council, please visit their homepage: http://www.itcnetwork.org/

If you have copyright concerns or questions, please contact Dr. Fritz Dolak, Manager, Copyright and Intellectual Property Office, Ball State University Libraries, at **FDolak@bsu.edu** or 765-285-5330.