

Listening to the chorus: Librarians as copyright educators

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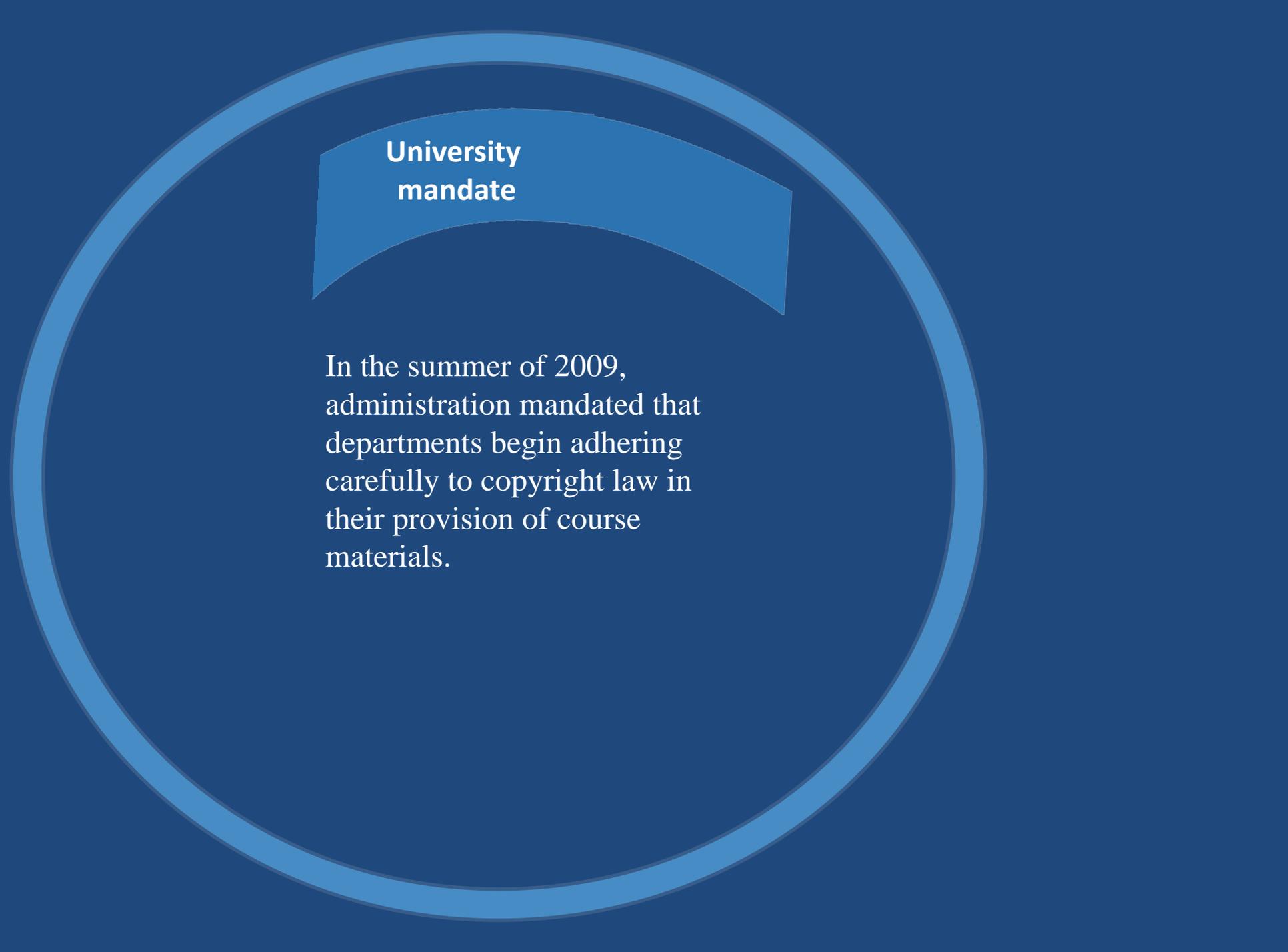
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- Reproduction of copyrighted materials within departments ranged from small to lengthy portions of a work, at times, a book in its entirety.



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Community Responses

The mandate led to a flurry of responses from faculty, administration and librarians via an email discussion...

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- Risk management perspective
 - Legal implications of past practices were too risky
 - Cost implications of departmental copying not sustainable



Summary of responses to copyright mandate:

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- Advocate for broad interpretation of copyright law and existing guidelines
- How will mandate effect course reserves staff?





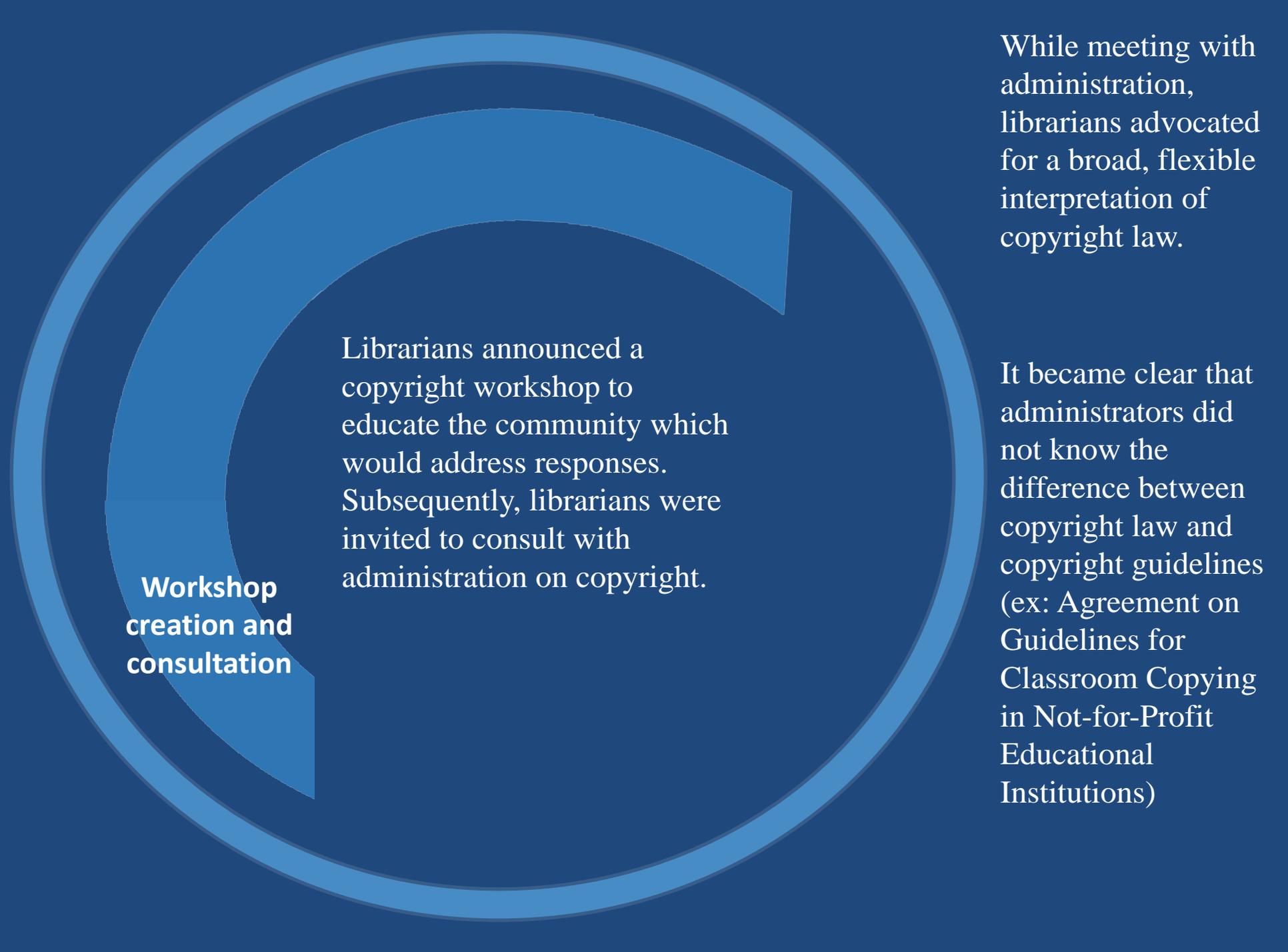
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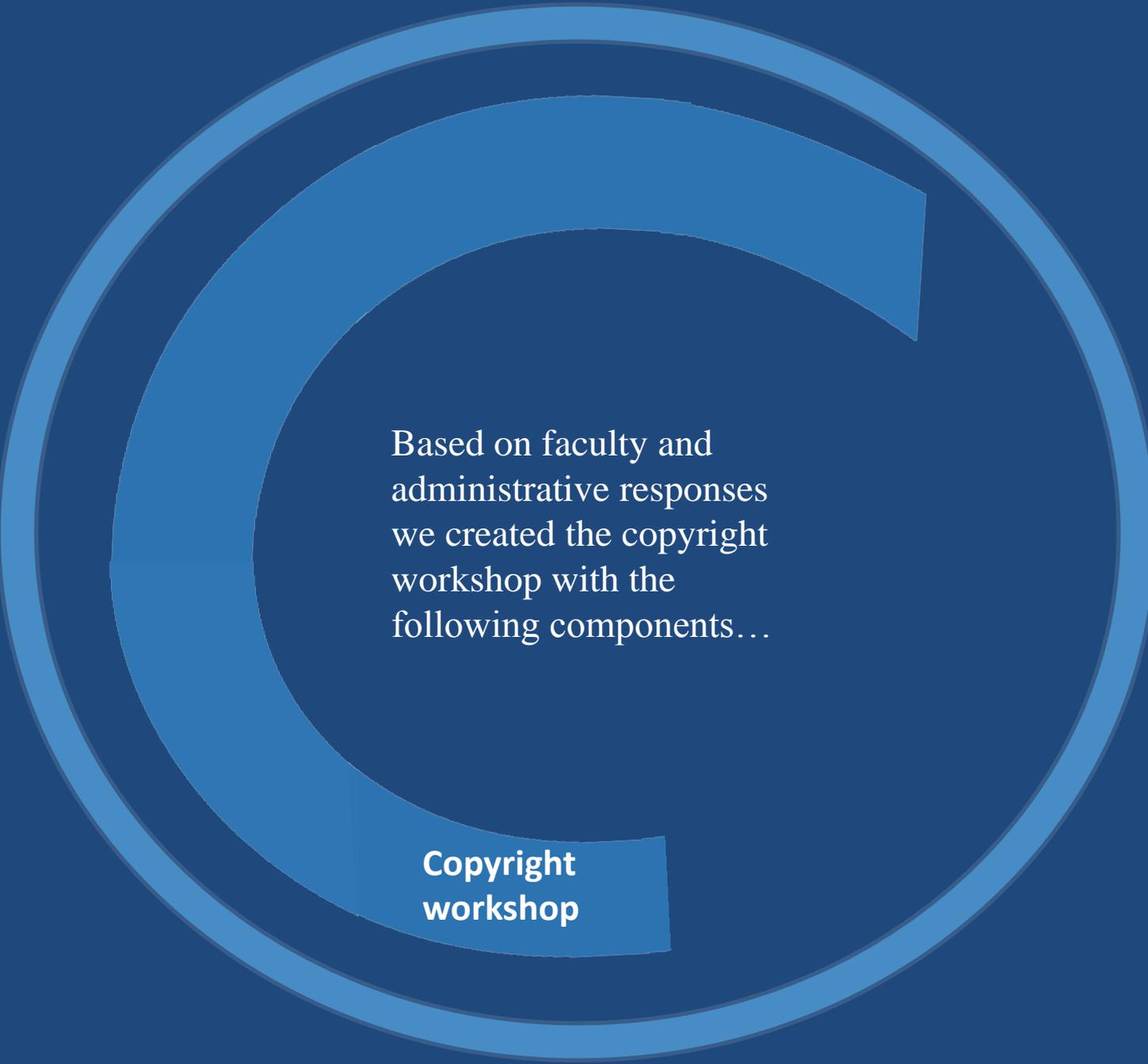
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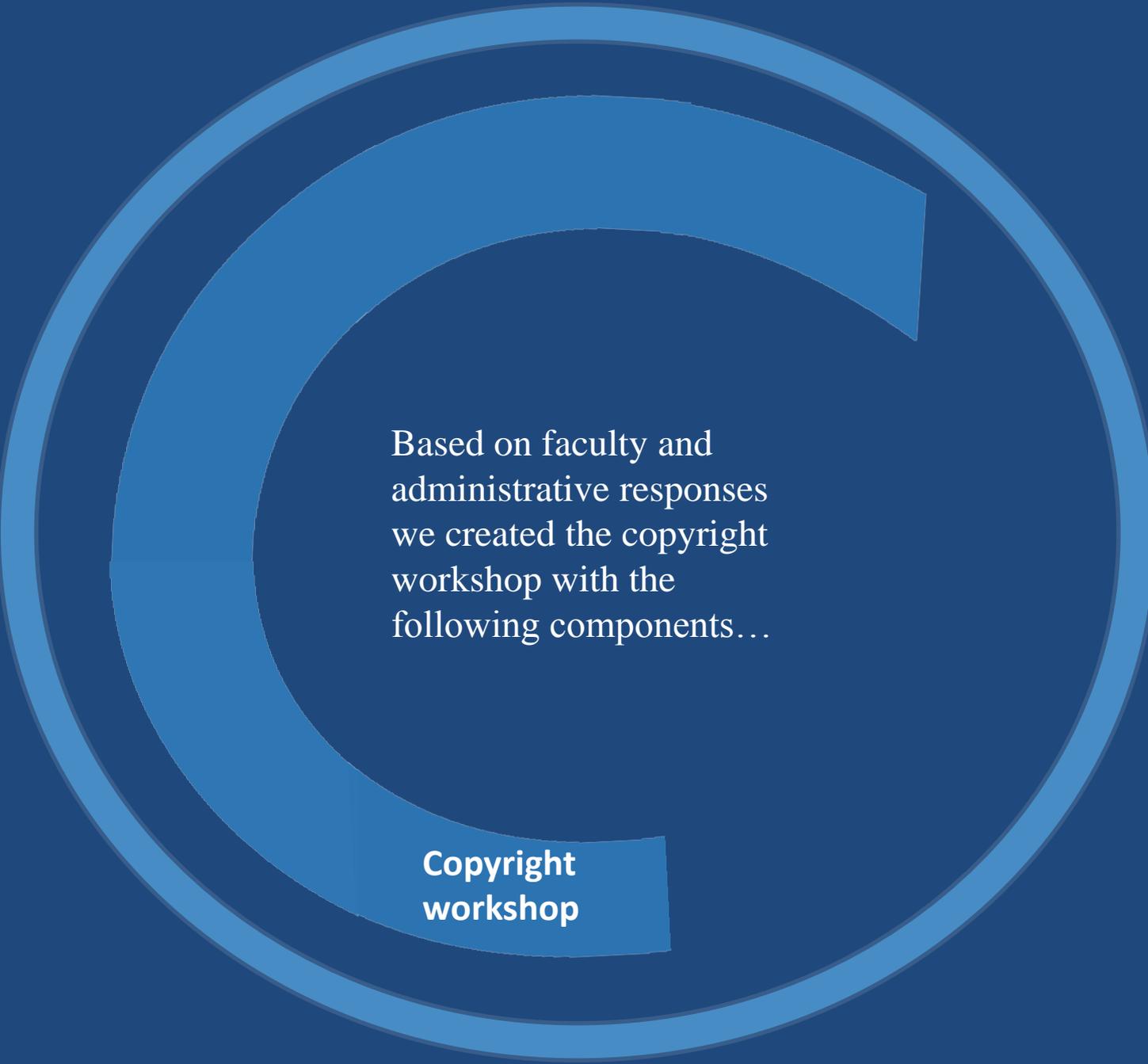


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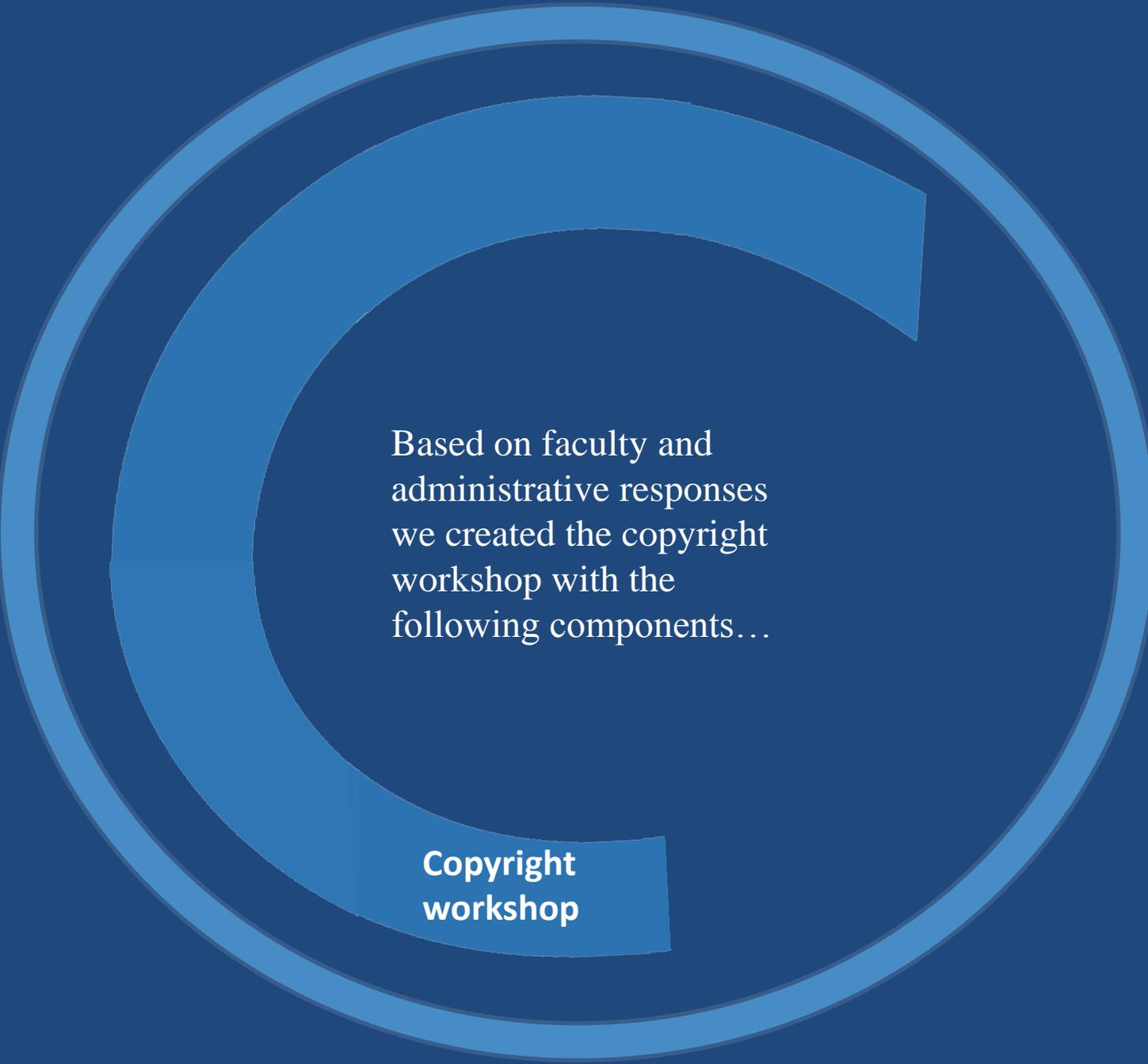


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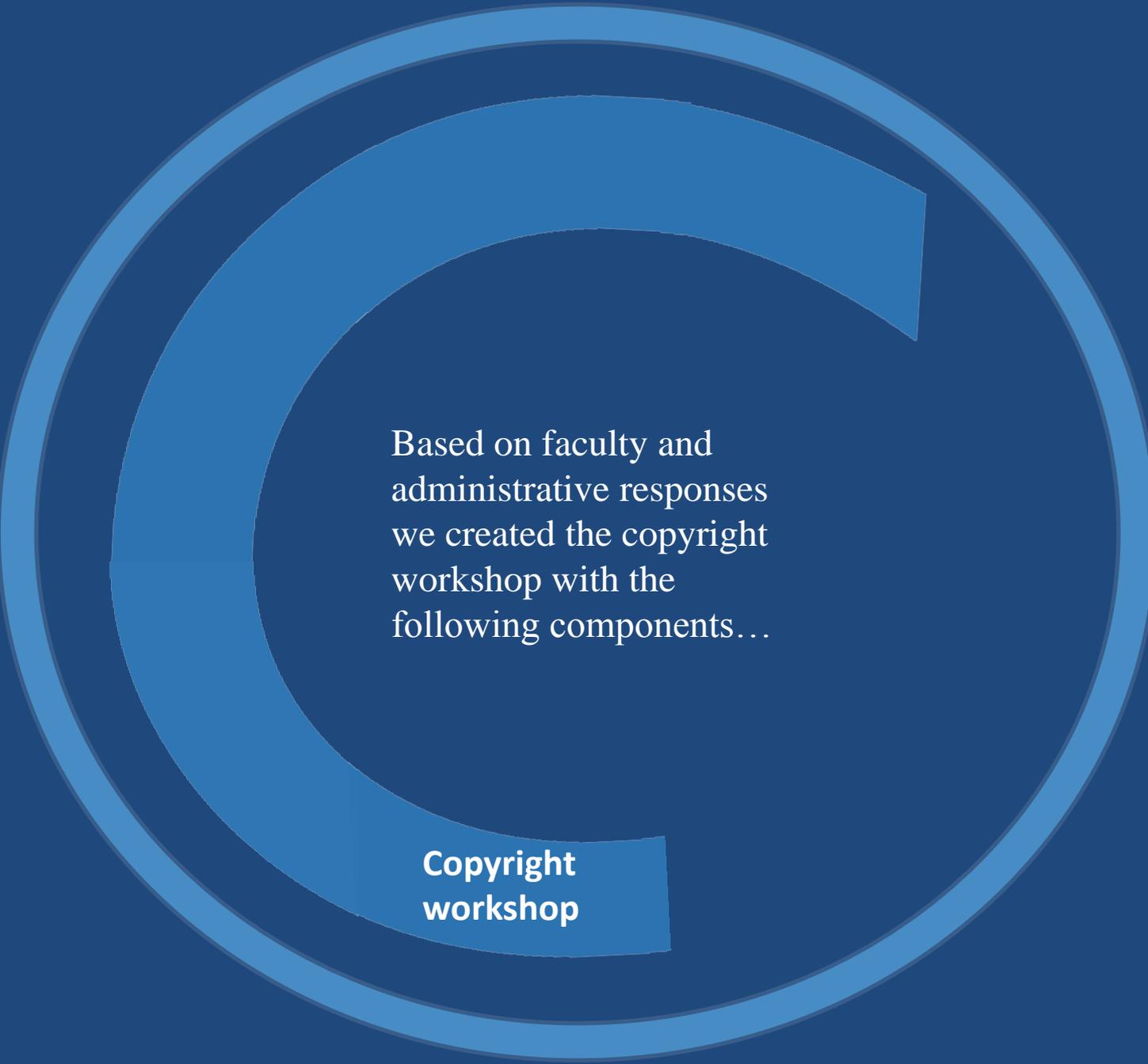


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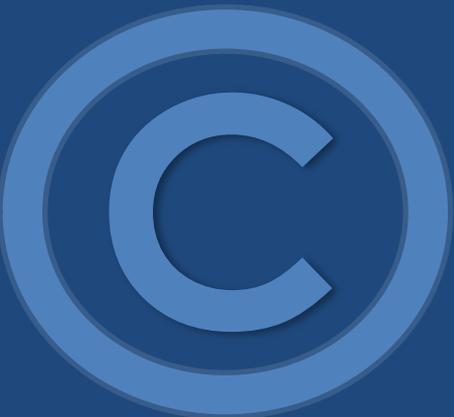
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