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TO: All Faculty

FROM: Chancellor Loren Crabtree

SUBJECT: Scholarly Communications Committee Formed

The Chancellor's Office has formed a Scholarly Communications Committee to advise and consult with faculty regarding the complex issues surrounding scholarly communications in this digital age. While the most pressing of these issues, of course, is the exponential rise in the cost of serials, the Committee will explore the challenges and opportunities associated with new methods of disseminating research, creative work, and teaching materials through electronic media.

Members of the committee are: George Kabalka (Chemistry), Miriam Levering (Religious Studies), Bob Levy (Office of the President), Susan Martin (Co-Chair and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs), Jeff Mellor (Modern Foreign Languages), Carol Parker (Law), Linda Phillips (Co-Chair, University Libraries), Kurt Piehler (History), Bruce Ralston (Geography), Soren Sorensen (Physics), Keith Stanga (Accounting), Jay Whelan (Nutrition), and Alice Woody (Office of the General Counsel).

They plan to engage the campus in discussions about actions that faculty can take to increase access to our intellectual capital. Members welcome opportunities to come to departmental meetings and seminars. A web page with links to several related documents is at <http://www.lib.utk.edu/colldev/issues.html>

You have the potential for enormous influence in fostering accessible research results and in rejecting practices that threaten open access to your scholarship. In the next day or two you will receive in campus mail a copy of the brochure SCHOLARS UNDER SIEGE; CHANGING OUR SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING CULTURE produced by university librarians. See the brochure online at <http://www.lib.utk.edu/colldev/ScholarsUnderSiege.pdf>

Please look carefully at the contents and consider following some of the actions suggested. Please also feel free to communicate with members of the Committee any particular observations or concerns you may have.