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**CHANCELLORS
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Re: Review of Proposed Open Access Policy

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to request your formal review of a proposed University of California policy that would enable open access to journal articles and conference proceedings authored by UC faculty members. The need for this new policy was communicated to the President by the Academic Assembly last May. The proposal, entitled the “UC Faculty Scholarly Work Copyright Rights Policy,” recommended action to “facilitate scholarly communication and maximize the impact of the scholarship of UC faculty.”

President Dynes referred this request to me, and I subsequently convened a working group that has developed a proposed Open Access Policy. The proposal confirms UC faculty ownership of copyright of their scholarly work while at the same time providing a mechanism by which faculty may grant permission to The Regents to make their work published in a scholarly journal or conference proceedings available in an open, on-line repository of scholarly publications.

The attached working group’s report reflects broad consultation with copyright experts within the context of the Academic Council’s white paper, *Responding to the Challenges of Scholarly Communication: The Case of Scholar’s Management of Their Copyright* (available at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/committees/scsc/copyrigh.scsc.0506.pdf>). It retains the principles and spirit of the language accompanying the Assembly’s request and, to facilitate review, covers implementation issues critical to the goal of maximizing the access to and impact of the journal and conference publications arising from UC-based research and scholarship.

I would appreciate your assistance in conducting a comprehensive review of this proposal. Please forward your campus or Academic Senate comments by May 20, 2007, to osc@ucop.edu, or by regular mail. The proposal and supporting materials, including a list of anticipated frequently asked questions are available online at the Office of Scholarly Communication website: <http://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/openaccess/>. Questions on the policy may be directed to: John Ober (510-987-0174, john.ober@ucop.edu). Thank you in advance for your assistance in the review of this important policy.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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