MEMORANDUM

10 May 2012

TO: Members of the Memorial University Community

FROM: David Wardlaw, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) & Chair of Copyright Action Committee

SUBJECT: Consideration of Model License Proposed by Access Copyright and AUCC

On April 16, 2012, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) announced it has negotiated a model license agreement with Access Copyright (AC) that will permit universities to reproduce copyright-protected materials that belong to Access Copyright’s “repertoire” of print and digital materials. This model agreement is available by following the link at www.mun.ca/copyright.

The previous license agreement between AC and Memorial expired December 31, 2010. The content of that previous license was mutually agreed to by AUCC and AC, and the majority of Canadian universities signed individual licenses, all of which expired December 31, 2010. From January 1, 2011 until August 31, 2011, Memorial operated under an Interim Tariff granted by the Copyright Board of Canada to AC. On September 1, 2011 Memorial opted out of the Interim Tariff and has had no copyright agreement with AC since that date.

In order to take full advantage of retroactive discounts, universities have until May 15th to signify an intention to sign the model license and until June 30th to sign the license agreement. This is a significant decision for the university.

The Copyright Action Committee will be providing advice to Vice-Presidents’ Council. This Committee is seeking input from as many internal and external sources as possible, including the entire Memorial University community, on this important decision. To this end, I invite individuals or groups to submit feedback in writing. To be of greatest use to the Copyright Action Committee, written submissions (in electronic form or hard copy) should be received by no later than Monday, May 14 and sent to me c/o Mary Haynes, Arts & Administration Building, Rm. A3047, vpacad@mun.ca