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Dean Seamans:

My name is Burns Newsome and I am the Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs for the University System. As you know, the Board of Regents Guide to Copyright (<http://www.usg.edu/legal/copyright/>) is a central part of the lawsuit filed by the publishing industry against the Board and Georgia State University. Given that the Regents' Guide is more than eleven years old and does not contemplate many of the digital technologies available to research libraries, we believe it is time to revisit the Regents' Guidelines. The Chancellor would like to form a task force to examine the Guidelines and to make recommendations to the Board concerning necessary amendments. I would like to ask if you would be available and willing to serve on this task force.

We envision a committee of perhaps nine members from within the University System, with institutional representation heavily weighted towards the four research institutions. The committee will also have legal counsel (Steve Schaezel and Tony Askew from King & Spalding) available to advise the committee. As the Guidelines currently reflect established principles of Copyright law, it will not be necessary to rewrite the Guidelines from scratch; rather, the committee will be charged with simply recommending those changes which will more accurately reflect acceptable use in higher education.

I would very much appreciate your informing me at your earliest convenience if you will be able to serve on the committee. The Chancellor and I thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (404) 656-2229 or [Burns.News@usg.edu](mailto:Burns.News@usg.edu).

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