

**SPECIAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**RULES COMMITTEE**  
**concerning**  
**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN**  
**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE**  
**IMPACT AND IMPLICATIONS OF DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Presented at the**  
**677<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate**  
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**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE  
IMPACT AND IMPLICATIONS OF DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**CHARGE:** To study the implications of digital production and dissemination of scholarship from the viewpoints of faculty, researchers, librarians, publishers, and booksellers to determine the impact of that process on scholarly publication and distribution and its various consequences for library needs and facilities, faculty personnel actions, effects on academic societies, copyright protection and the ownership of intellectual property, and other related topics.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

- A. The Director of Libraries, or a designee;**
- B. The Director of the University of Massachusetts Press, or a designee;**
- C. The Head of ScholarWorks, or a designee;**
- D. The President of the Massachusetts Society of Professors, or a designee;**
- E. The Chair of the Academic Matters Council, or a designee;**
- F. The Chair of the Graduate Council, or a designee;**
- G. The Chair of the Research Council, or a designee;**
- H. The Chair of the Research Library Council;**
- I. One At-Large Member of the Research Library Council; and**
- J. Two At-Large Members, selected by the Rules Committee.**

The Chair of the Research Library Council will serve as Chair of this Ad Hoc Committee. At least one of the eleven members should have editorial connections with a scholarly journal. The Committee will report its progress to the Faculty Senate in March 2009 for discussion and advice and present a final report in May 2009.

**MOVED:** That the Faculty Senate approve the Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee on the  
**09-09** Impact and Implications of Digital Scholarship, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 09-010.