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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Betsy Brown, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

From: Samuel Snyder, Chair, University Copyright Committee 

Subject: Recommendation to Change Format of the University Copyright Committee

Date: March 31, 2015

In light of changes to the NCSU Copyright Regulation, REG 01.25.03, and the experience of the Copyright Committee since the adoption of a new role for the Director of Copyright and Digital Scholarship in 2013, this formal recommendation proposes that the NCSU Copyright Committee become an advisory board, meeting only when required to advise the Director, to review appeals to the copyright determinations initially made by the Director, or make recommendations to change the regulation when needed.

- The Committee recognizes that the rules for ownership and disclosure established by the Copyright Regulation, as revised September 20, 2013, significantly reduce the need for regular review of ownership by a full standing committee.
- The Committee recognizes that, since the arrival of the new Director of Copyright and Digital Scholarship, the workload has been manageable and satisfactorily handled by the Director, with no appeals filed in the four years since the Director's arrival.
- The Committee recognizes, based on advice from the Office of General Counsel, that an advisory function is in harmony with and fully supported by the UNC System and NCSU Policy. Neither the UNC Policy Manual nor NCSU Policies and Regulations require the university's Copyright Committee to be a standing committee.

For the foregoing reasons, and in the interests of institutional efficiency, the Copyright Committee passed a motion on February 6, 2015 recommending that the Committee become advisory to the Director of Copyright and Digital Scholarship, rather than a Standing Committee.

Accordingly, the university's Copyright Committee asks that the university's Committee on Committees remove the Copyright Committee's standing committee status, and designate it as advisory, to be called to meet when necessary.

cc: University Copyright Committee