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TO: MOBIUS Council

FROM: George Rickerson

SUBJECT: Table of Contents Service

Earlier this year I provided to each Council representative an estimate of MOBIUS assessments for FY2004. One of the estimates provided was based on maintaining the current state appropriation and restoring the Table of Contents Service on a consortium-wide basis. The overall cost of restoring the TOC service MOBIUS-wide exceeds $200,000.

At this time I am not recommending to the Executive Committee that the TOC service be restored MOBIUS-wide. The cost is high, and the cuts to higher education appropriations for the public institutions have been too severe for me to feel comfortable making such a recommendation. However, it is an option for MOBIUS clusters or individual MOBIUS institutions to ask that we run this service for them.

If a single institution in a cluster wishes to avail itself of TOC service, its representative should contact Robin Kespohl or Jim Dutton no later than December 31, 2003. The MCO Operation Staff will take care of the task, and the institution will be invoiced the actual cost of the TOC run once we have been billed by Blackwell's.

If a cluster wishes to use the TOC service, the same procedure applies, including the deadline of Dec. 31, 2003, except that the cluster needs to decide how it will share the cost among its members.