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To: Presidents and Chancellors, MOBIUS Institutions

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Subject: MOBIUS Governance Changes

Since its founding in July 1998, MOBIUS has transformed library services for Missouri higher education. Since 1998, MOBIUS has grown from 50 founding members to 60 higher education institutions and two public library cooperating partners. MOBIUS has become one of the most valued services provided to Missouri citizens. Sharing library resources through MOBIUS is fast and cost-effective. The 20 million items in MOBIUS greatly enrich each member institution from the smallest to the largest. MOBIUS serves over 750,000 people in the higher education community and the state of Missouri.

MOBIUS was begun with State of Missouri funding. The value of the consortium to member institutions is such that when in 2006, state funding was withdrawn each institution found local resources to continue MOBIUS membership.

To date, a Memorandum of Understanding and MOBIUS Bylaws have governed the internal affairs of the consortium and MOBIUS has operated as a unit of the University of Missouri System, with oversight by UM Vice President Dr. Gary Allen. Within the past year, it has become evident that, in order to move forward nimbly and expeditiously, MOBIUS would benefit from being a not-for-profit corporation (501c3).

With the encouragement of the University of Missouri and the support of the MOBIUS membership, the MOBIUS Executive Committee has taken the necessary steps to become a not-for-profit organization. Financial structure, new by-laws, and articles of incorporation have been approved by the MOBIUS Council. Each of your library directors represents your institution on MOBIUS Council and was instrumental is making these changes.

We expect that our organizational changes will be invisible to MOBIUS users and will enable MOBIUS to continue to enhance and expand services to Missouri citizens.