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Dear Colleague:

I hope this letter finds you well and past the chaos of commencement and semester's end. I'm writing today to tell you about an increase in copyright filing fees charged by the U.S. Library of Congress Copyright Office. We were just informed of the increase, though the proposal went to Congress on March 22, 2006 (www.copyright.gov/fedreg/2006/71fr15368.pdf). The 50% increase goes into effect on July 1, 2006. Consequently, we must increase the price of our copyright registration service, which **includes** the fee paid to the U.S. Copyright Office, plus our costs for administering the process. The new charge is \$65.00 to have UMI handle copyright registration, ensuring a quick turn-around and an intermediary in case of missing documents, errors, and lost applications.

The Copyright Office anticipates yet another fee adjustment in the summer of 2007, which may roll back the price for processing electronic claims, versus paper claims. We hope that the dual fee structure will allow us to pass a decrease back to your students at that point. In the meantime, please let your students know that the copyright registration service price has increased, and ensure that they provide the accurate payment at submission to avoid delays in publishing their dissertations and theses.

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If you do not use our Online Submission system, OR if you collect all fees rather than letting students pay online, you will need to use the revised *Authorization to Apply for Registration of My Claim to Copyright form* enclosed here. PLEASE note that this does not replace the *Publishing Agreement Form*, just the bottom portion dealing with copyright filing. Your students will need to include **both** forms with their submission if they choose to have us handle their copyright registration. You can use the enclosed copy to reproduce, or you can email me and I will send you a PDF to use for reproduction. Once we are comfortable that the U.S. Copyright Office has stabilized its fee structure, we will build this form back into a revised *Publishing Agreement Form*.

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