MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 4, 2009

TO: Chief Academic and Student Affairs Officers
   Intellectual Property Coordinators

FROM: Tim Price
       Deputy to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

Scott Goings
       Assistant General Counsel

SUBJECT: Showing of Movies By Student Groups or Other Campus Organizations

We have recently received several inquiries about the appropriateness of student groups showing movies on campus. This is a reminder that generally these activities constitute a public performance requiring a public performance license – not simply a rental from the local video store. This is true whether or not the students charge a fee. As a resource, the following is a link to materials explaining these issues (with a helpful flow chart), see attached reference document and:

http://www.monmouth.edu/academics/CETL/docs/CopyrightMovies.pdf

As you may know, Board of Trustees Policy 3.27 underscores that: . . . the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system promotes the recognition and protection of these (copyrighted) rights, including the rights of reproduction, preparation of derivative works, distribution, and performance (emphasis supplied).

Please share this information with campus constituents for their information, as necessary. Contact Assistant General Counsel Scott Goings at 651-297-3289 if you have questions about these issues.

Attachment

c: Mike Lopez, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
   Gail M. Olson, General Counsel