

Abstract

“University Missions, Academic Values and Information Technology”

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Recent developments in information technology have created extraordinary opportunities for universities to advance the dissemination of scholarship, access to knowledge, and worldwide sharing of educational materials. Seizing these opportunities means building a clear institutional consensus about academic values and the missions of the university in research, teaching and public engagement; in effect, articulating a statement of the university's culture and goals in the digital world. I'll look at some of these opportunities, consider alternative choices that might be made, and discuss some of the implications of these choices for specific institutions, for the academy broadly, and for scholarship.