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FROM: UFC Faculty Governance Committee  
TO: University Faculty Council  
SUBJ: Dissolution and Interim Replacement of the University  
Research Policy Committee

In 1997, the University Faculty Council created the University Research Policy Committee (URPC) to advise both the Council and the Vice President for Research on matters of research policy, including intellectual property and technology transfer issues. Under the terms of a Report of the ad hoc Research and Development Policy Committee, July 25, 1996 (circular U4-97), members of the URPC are jointly appointed by the UFC Agenda Committee and the Vice President for Research.

Since its inception, the URPC has struggled to carry out its responsibilities effectively. The current committee structure has been unable to respond in a timely manner to the rapidly changing research environment. Both the Bloomington and Indianapolis faculty councils have created research affairs committees with jurisdiction over issues of research policy. We recommend that, in order to have more responsive organs for faculty input into policies affecting faculty research and intellectual property rights, except as provided below, such matters first be considered by the local research affairs committees; and any policies, reports and recommendations be sent to the UFC Agenda Committee for consideration and further report to the UFC. Therefore,

Resolved: that

(i) Section 8(B) of the By-laws be deleted, and that the URPC be

*abolished as a standing committee of the UFC as of December 31, 2002;*

*(ii) Sections C and D of Section 8 be relettered B and C, respectively.*

*Under the University's Intellectual Property Policy (the "IPP") and the Policy on Conflicts of Interest, the URPC is given certain duties to perform with respect to the implementation of those policies. Therefore,*

*Resolved: that until such time as the IPP is amended by the Board of Trustees, (i) in those places in the IPP where consultation with the URPC is required (IPP, Section 10 (c)), and (ii) in those instances where the URPC has specific duties to act (IPP, Section 4(v) and Sections 9(a), 9(f)), that an ad hoc committee (hereinafter referred to as the "research affairs - intellectual property subcommittee"), made up of two members of each of the research affairs committees in Bloomington and Indianapolis, plus one member of the UFC Agenda Committee from one of the other campuses, shall act in the stead of the URPC to perform such functions; and*

Further Resolved: that until such time as the Policy on Conflicts of Interest is amended by the Board of Trustees, the URPC's role under the said Policy for consultation and policy advice be transferred to the respective Conflicts of Interest Committees on the campuses for the purpose of resolution of individual cases of conflict of interest issues. For matters of University-wide policy, the Vice President of Research should consult with an ad hoc committee (hereinafter referred to as the research affairs - conflicts of interest subcommittee) to be made up of two members of each of the research affairs committees in Bloomington and Indianapolis, plus one member of the UFC Agenda Committee from one of the other campuses.

The URPC currently has two items under consideration: a policy on faculty and University rights to web-based instructional materials, and a review of the current IPP, including a review of the revenue formulae of the IPP.

Resolved: that in the event that these projects are on-going as of January 2, 2003, the work of the URPC will be handled as follows:

the then current draft of the policy on web-based instructional materials will be completed by the Vice President for Research and the research affairs intellectual property subcommittee and then submitted to the respective research affairs committees for consideration and recommendation to the UFC Agenda Committee.

the review of the IPP, including a survey of faculty, will be undertaken by the Vice President for Research in consultation with the research affairs - intellectual property subcommittee and such other persons the Vice President considers to have expertise in the area.

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