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Re: Policy on Conflicts of Interest and Commitment (USC OT-259)

Dear Colleagues:

Enclosed is a revised Policy on Conflicts of Interest and Commitment document and supporting information submitted by a university-wide Conflicts of Interest and Commitment (COIC) Policy Review committee. The summary report from the committee explains the review process and indicates that a target date of July 1, 2011 has been set to have the policy in place.

In July 2006 and again in April 2007, the senates were asked to review a revised Policy on Conflicts of Interest and Commitment that was proposed by the University Intellectual Property (UIP) Committee. The comments from the senates were taken into consideration by the UIP Committee. In the fall of 2009, Vice President Rao convened the current COIC committee to look at the previous recommendations and a report issued by the internal auditors, who did an independent review of the policy. Careful consideration went into the structure and content of the current policy revisions.

On behalf of the University Senates Conference, I ask that each senate review the policy and utilize your senate’s procedures for considering the policy for approval.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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