

SPECIAL REPORT
of the
RESEARCH COUNCIL
concerning
**POLICY ON ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS
SUPPORTING FACULTY RESEARCH**

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**Resolution of Research Council Concerning
Acceptance of Funds Supporting Faculty Research**

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At the request of Chancellor Duffey, the Research Council has reviewed current University policy concerning the acceptance of funds supporting faculty research. In undertaking this review, we kept foremost in our minds that a main mission of the University is to advance understanding and knowledge and to disseminate such advances as widely as possible. We are also of the conviction that this mission can only be achieved when there are no restrictions on the subject matters of faculty research and on the freedom to make available widely the findings of such research. Under this principle, it is the prerogative of researchers freely to choose their research topics, subject to the duty to make resulting knowledge freely available, to exercise due regard and care in the conduct of research for the health and safety of researchers, the University community, the surrounding community, and for human subjects, if any are used in the research, and to observe applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

Upon review, we found that no changes are needed or warranted in current university policy which prohibits the acceptance of support for research under conditions which restrict the dissemination of findings. We therefore reaffirm current policies as expressed in the Board of Trustees resolution of May 10th 1972 and of the Faculty Senate resolution of April 1972¹, both actions prohibiting the acceptance of research funds under conditions restricting disclosure of findings. Except for those noted above, the University does not and should not impose any restriction on legal sources of research funding.

To insure that the provisions of this policy are rigorously adhered to, we propose that principal investigators submitting research proposals for processing certify that the proposals are in compliance with current policies. In addition, we urge that the Vice Chancellor for Research and the Director of the Office of Grants and Contracts consistently and faithfully implement these current policies. In case of conflict over the interpretation of these policies, the Research Council should serve as the final arbiter.

Voted unanimously by the Research Council on April 27, 1989.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate endorse the Policy on Acceptance of Funds Supporting Faculty
42-89 Research as presented in the Research Council's Special Report dated April 27, 1989,
Sen. Doc. No. 89-046.

¹ As reported in Sponsored Research Handbook, pp. 38, 79.