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TO: Deans, Directors, and Administrative Officers

SUBJECT: Regental Policy on Research Funded by the Tobacco Industry

Several months ago I wrote to alert you to the establishment of a special campus process for the review and approval of all requests for support of research by tobacco companies as required under UC Regental Resolution RE-89. As outlined in the April 14, 2008, memo, the UCLA process involves establishment of a special committee to conduct a review and to advise the Chancellor who will then make a written determination about each request. The April 14 memo also indicated that no request for research support can be submitted to a tobacco company unless the Principal Investigator has received a project-specific written determination of approval to do so from the Chancellor. That is still the case.

Please note however, that this mandated review and approval process applies to all forms of research support regardless of whether the research is funded via grant or contract, a “research services agreement,” or another mechanism. It also applies to gifts for research, although it does not apply to gifts to support other campus activities.

The text of the Regental Resolution as adopted is available at: http://www.ucop.edu/research/policies/documents/review_approval_re89.pdf.

The April 14, 2008, UCLA guidance memo on the Regental Policy on Research Funded by the Tobacco Industry is available at: http://www.research.ucla.edu/researchpol/memos/Tobacco_Funding_Memo.pdf.

Please contact Ann Pollack, Assistant Vice Chancellor – Research at x40387 or apollack@research.ucla.edu if you have any immediate questions about the Regental policy, or if you need assistance in determining whether a specific company is or is not considered a part of the “tobacco industry” for the purpose of the Regental policy.

Sincerely,

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