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**M.R.C. GREENWOOD**  
**PROVOST AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT -ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

**Re: Extension of Agreement on Oversight of ORU Actions**

Dear M.R.C.:

The current version of the [Universitywide Review Policy for Academic Programs, Academic Units and Research Units](#) (commonly referred to as the Compendium) was adopted in 1999 with the stipulation that all actions regarding Organized Research Units (ORUs) would be approved by the Chancellor of the host campus and would no longer require review by the Universitywide Academic Senate or approval by the President. It was, however, also stipulated that this arrangement would last until June 30, 2004. At its July 21, 2004 meeting, the Academic Council supported extending the procedures for oversight of ORUs for one year - until June 30, 2005.

At its July 27, 2005 meeting, the Academic Council voted to recommend that the ORU policy be extended indefinitely in order to maintain regulatory consistency without yearly reconsideration. As you know, the Compendium is a joint administrative-Senate document developed under the auspices of the Academic Planning Council, and so we request that you take whatever action is necessary to carry out this recommendation, and that the APC be apprised of the change.

Please let me know if you need further clarification on this issue.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George".

George Blumenthal, Chair  
Academic Council

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María Bertero-Barceló, Executive Director  
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