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Dr. John Powell
Chairperson, The Steering Committee
Michigan State University

Dear John,

The University Committee on Undergraduate Studies (UCUS) invited members of the University Research Organization (URO) Exploration Committee to its meeting of January 26, 2012. URO Committee member and Sr. Associate Vice President Paul Hunt attended. UCUS members had access to the URO Committee's November 2011 report prior to the meeting.

Dr. Hunt provided the history of the concept of the University Research Organization (URO) in the United States and explained the URO Exploration Committee's rationale for its primary recommendation to "proceed with plans to establish a university research organization (URO)." Questions from UCUS members centered on the impact that a URO might have on undergraduates participating in faculty-led research funded through the URO.

No member of UCUS expressed opposition to the Committee's primary recommendation. Committee members seemed satisfied that the interests of undergraduate students were receiving appropriate consideration.

UCUS Vice Chair Ryan Sweeder noted that the Steering Committee would welcome comments from individual faculty.

Sincerely,



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