August 27, 2009

All Faculty:

Faculty Senate has passed and recommends Faculty endorse revisions to the Faculty Handbook that include the Board of Trustees' conflict of interest policy. THIS BALLOT WILL APPEAR DURING FACULTY SENATE ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER.

VOTE: Approve Faculty Handbook changes to include revised Section 9.08 Conflict of Interest Policy and Appendices 9.08 A-E.

YES_____ No_____

BACKGROUND:

Faculty Handbook Section 9.08 Conflict of Interest online at

http://www.musc.edu/facsen/handbook/handbook.pdf

is primarily a Research COI Policy. The proposed revision briefly discusses disclosure, introduces the Board policy, and refers Faculty to the Handbook Appendix for current Research, Faculty Venture Start-up, and Clinical COI policies, guidelines, and committee charters

Proposed 9.08 Conflict of Interest Policy
http://www.musc.edu/facsen/coi_ammendments/replacement_handbook_policy_9_08_final.pdf

Appendix 9.08A Research Conflict of Interest Policy revises the current policy to include the disclosure process and edits requested by NIH for compliance with Federal regulations.

Appendix 9.08A Research Conflict of Interest Policy
http://www.musc.edu/facsen/coi_ammendments/appendix_9_08_a_research_coi_2009_8_12_final.doc

Appendix 9.08B Research COI Committee Charter outlines how the committee will help manage research COI disclosures and review faculty venture start-up.

Appendix 9.08B Research COI Committee Charter
http://www.musc.edu/facsen/coi_ammendments/appendix_9_08_b_charter_research_

Appendix 9.08C Faculty Venture Start-up Guidelines describe the process for Faculty to begin entrepreneurial ventures evolving from their university commitments

Appendix 9.08C Faculty Venture Start-up Guidelines
http://www.musc.edu/facsen/coi_ammendments/appendix_9_08_c_faculty_start_up_2009_08_12.doc

Appendix 9.08D UMA/COM/MUHA Clinical COI Policy includes link to MUHA Clinical Policy A-114 Professional Relationships. This policy embraces the recommendations of the American Association of Medical Colleges regarding the relationships between medical education and industry.

Appendix 9.08D UMA/COM/MUHA Clinical COI Policy
http://www.musc.edu/facsen/coi_ammendments/appendix_9_08_d_e_clinical_coi_charter_2009_8_12_final.doc

Appendix 9.08E Clinical COI Committee Charter only marks where this charter currently being developed will go in the Faculty Handbook upon approval.

Including these policies in the Handbook makes current university policies guidelines easily available for Faculty.

FYI - May Catalyst re COI

http://www.musc.edu/catalyst/archive/2009/co5-22currents.html

UMA Professional Relationships
http://www.musc.edu/facsen/coi_ammendments/uma_professional_relationships_2009_6_1_final.pdf

These policies do not preclude Colleges from developing more College-specific COI policies, as long as they do not conflict with the Board COI policy.

The committee charters include representation of current Faculty Senate members on the Research and Clinical COI committees.

Please review these changes and VOTE during Faculty Senate elections.

Consider being a "change agent" - self-nominate or nominate a friend to run for the Faculty Senate.

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