MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution A

SUBJECT: Inclusion of Tuition in Grant Proposals

As we strive to meet the expectations set forth in Vision 2020, it is important to recognize that graduate research and education are fundamental to this effort. One overriding concern that has been expressed by faculty is the need to provide tuition support for graduate students. In response to this concern, we currently provide substantial annual funding from the Available University Fund for this purpose. While we consider ways to increase this support, there are other avenues that should also be utilized.

One avenue in particular is the use of federal funding sources. Many granting agencies allow the inclusion of tuition as part of the proposed budget. We find that many of our competitors in other institutions throughout the country have adopted this practice, thus, putting themselves at an advantage in the offers to the best students.

After consulting widely on this matter with groups such as the Research Environment Council, the Council of Deans, and the executive committees of the Council of Principal Investigators and the Faculty Senate, I have decided that starting January 1, 2005, all faculty members shall include requests for funds to cover tuition, when submitting proposals that include graduate student support, and where the granting agency permits. The additional funds from contracts will help increase the total funds available for support of our graduate programs.

Any exceptions to this practice must be approved by the Provost, who has delegated authority to the Vice President for Research.

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