

**July 11, 2008**

**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](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](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](mailto: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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