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June 15, 2001
EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, June 15, 2001
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Board Room, The Rotunda

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AGENDA ITEM: I.A. Conflict of Interest Exemption (Avir, LLC)

BACKGROUND: The School of Engineering and Applied Science is negotiating a sponsored research contract with Avir, LLC, a Virginia technology company created on July 7, 1997, to support research aimed at remote sensing of chemical agents. Key technology developed at the University of Virginia has been licensed to Avir, LLC, and this sponsored research agreement will further efforts to commercialize this technology.

DISCUSSION: One University faculty member, Gabriel Laufer, owns in excess of three percent of the equity in the company. Under the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act, the University’s contracting with Avir, LLC, would place Mr. Laufer in violation of the Act, unless the Board of Visitors approves the conflict created by his equity interest. State law grants such approval authority to the Board in the case of sponsored research, in order to allow research furthering the public interest.

Virginia law and University of Virginia policy will require Mr. Laufer to file annual disclosure statements of his economic interests in the company. Mr. Laufer will not be involved in the University’s negotiation, approval, or procurement of contract terms with Avir, LLC. The chair of the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering has appointed a committee to be responsible for oversight and management of the conflict of interest, including independently supervising, evaluating, and making personnel decisions, to ensure that the continuing best interests of the University are served. As an additional precaution, the chair will report at least each quarter to the Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science on the progress of sponsored research activity and the utilization of University resources.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Educational Policy Committee and the Board of Visitors
CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXEMPTION (AVIR, LLC)

WHEREAS, the School of Engineering and Applied Science wishes to enter into a sponsored research contract with Avir, LLC, to develop a prototype of a remote chemical sensor for chemical agents; and

WHEREAS, Gabriel Laufer has disclosed in advance that his equity interests in Avir, LLC, exceed 3 percent; and

WHEREAS, the School of Engineering and Applied Science’s entry into a research agreement with Avir, LLC, would thereby expose Mr. Laufer to violation of the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act unless approved by the Board as permitted by §2.1-639.6(c) (7) of the Code of Virginia;

RESOLVED that the conflict of interest of Gabriel Laufer is approved by the Board of Visitors in order to permit the University to enter into an agreement with Avir, LLC, for research funding to investigate remote chemical sensing; provided, as required by the law, Mr. Laufer files the required annual disclosure statement of personal interests in Avir, LLC, the University files the required annual report concerning the contracts with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the relevant department chair vigilantly oversees application of University resources in the best interests of the University and in accordance with policy.
PROJECT/PROPOSED BOARD OF VISITORS ACTION: Approve a conflict of interest exemption for Avir, LLC.

DESCRIPTION: The School of Engineering and Applied Science is negotiating a sponsored research contract with Avir, LLC, a Virginia technology company to support research aimed at remote sensing of chemical agents. One faculty member, Gabriel Laufer, owns eighty-one percent of the equity in Avir, LLC. By law, proceeding with the proposed venture would place this individual in a conflict because of their personal interests in the contract, unless the Board of Visitors chooses to approve an exemption as the law permits in the case of sponsored research agreements. The University administration will provide appropriate oversight over the allocation of resources.

FISCAL IMPACT: The University has the potential to realize income from successful commercialization of this technology through patent royalties, as well as contributing to the advancement of knowledge in the science consistent with the University’s mission. As this venture is speculative in nature, a future value of these earnings is difficult to forecast and may, in fact, be nonexistent; however, the University enjoys minimal exposure to unforeseen costs.

CONCLUSION: It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed conflict of interest exemption for Avir, LLC.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF BOARD ACTION:

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AGENDA ITEM: I.B. Conflict of Interest Exemption
(Virginia Diodes, Inc., Part A)

BACKGROUND: At the October, 1999 meeting, the Board of Visitors approved a conflict of interest exemption for two faculty members in the School of Engineering and Applied Science. This exemption permitted the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences to enter into a sponsored research contract with Virginia Diodes, Inc., a Virginia technology company created on December 17, 1996, to support basic research in the area of high frequency barrier diodes. In addition, key technology developed at the University of Virginia has been licensed to Virginia Diodes, Inc., and its efforts to commercialize this technology have also resulted in patent royalty payments to the University.

DISCUSSION: Recently a new equity participant in Virginia Diodes, Inc., Jeffrey Hesler, was hired by the University as a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering. Under the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act, the University’s contract with Virginia Diodes, Inc., places Mr. Hesler in violation of the Act, unless the Board of Visitors approves the conflict created by his equity interest. State law grants such approval authority to the Board in the case of sponsored research, in order to allow research furthering the public interest.

Virginia law and University of Virginia policy will require Mr. Hesler to file annual disclosure statements of his economic interests in the company. Mr. Hesler will not be involved in the University’s negotiation, approval, or procurement of contract terms with Virginia Diodes, Inc.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Educational Policy Committee and the Board of Visitors
CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXEMPTION (VIRGINIA DIODES, INC., PART A)

WHEREAS, the School of Engineering and Applied Science has entered into a sponsored research contract with Virginia Diodes, Inc., to pursue basic research in the area of high frequency barrier diodes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeffrey Hesler has recently acquired an equity interest in Virginia Diodes, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeffrey Hesler has recently joined the faculty in the Department of Electrical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the School of Engineering and Applied Science’s research agreement with Virginia Diodes, Inc., would thereby expose Mr. Hesler to violation of the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act unless approved by the Board as permitted by §2.1-639.6(c) (7) of the Code of Virginia;

RESOLVED that the conflict of interest of Mr. Jeffrey Hesler is approved by the Board of Visitors in order to permit the University to continue the research agreement with Virginia Diodes, Inc., to investigate high frequency barrier diodes; provided, as required by the law, Mr. Hesler files the required annual disclosure statement of personal interests in Virginia Diodes, Inc., the University files the required annual report concerning the contracts with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the dean and department chair vigilantly oversee application of University resources in the best interests of the University and in accordance with policy.
PROJECT/PROPOSED BOARD OF VISITORS ACTION: Approve a conflict of interest exemption for Virginia Diodes, Inc. This is Part A of an agenda item for the Educational Policy committee.

DESCRIPTION: Virginia Diodes, Inc., seeks to add a new equity participant (Mr. Jeffrey Hesler, a research assistant professor) to an existing agreement that received a conflict of interest exemption from the Board of Visitors in October 1999. Mr. Hesler’s equity interest will exceed 3%. By law, proceeding with the proposed venture would place this individual in a conflict because of his personal interests in the contract, unless the Board of Visitors chooses to approve an exemption for them as the law permits in the case of sponsored research agreements. The University administration will provide appropriate oversight over the allocation of resources.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact of the Virginia Diodes ownership structure is addressed in Part B of the resolution.

CONCLUSION: It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed conflict of interest exemption for Virginia Diodes, Inc.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF BOARD ACTION:

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AGENDA ITEM: I.C. Conflict of Interest Exemption (Virginia Diodes, Inc., Part B)

BACKGROUND: The School of Engineering and Applied Science is negotiating a sponsored research contract with Virginia Diodes, Inc., a Virginia technology company created on December 17, 1996, to support research on high frequency barrier diodes. Key technology developed at the University of Virginia has been licensed to Virginia Diodes, Inc., and successful commercialization of this technology will provide income for the University to support additional research. An application from the University has been made to the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) to support increased research on this technology, as a prelude to further efforts for commercialization. If awarded, the CIT grant requires matching funds which will be provided by the sponsored research agreement with Virginia Diodes, Inc., and the funds provided by both agreements (approximately $120,000) will further research and development efforts and support faculty and graduate student research efforts in high frequency barrier diodes research.

DISCUSSION: Three University faculty members, Thomas Crowe, William Bishop, and Jeffrey Hesler each own in excess of three percent of the equity in the company. Under the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act, the University’s contracting with Virginia Diodes Inc., would place all three in violation of the Act, unless the Board of Visitors approves the conflict created by their equity interest. State law grants such approval authority to the Board in the case of sponsored research, in order to allow research furthering the public interest.

Virginia law and University of Virginia policy will require Mr. Crowe, Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Hesler to file annual disclosure statements of their economic interests in the company. None of these faculty members will be involved in the University’s negotiation, approval, or procurement of contract terms with Virginia Diodes, Inc.
ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Educational Policy Committee and the Board of Visitors

CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXEMPTION (VIRGINIA DIODES, INC., PART B)

WHEREAS, the School of Engineering and Applied Science wishes to enter into a sponsored research contract with Virginia Diodes, Inc., to pursue basic research in the area of high frequency barrier diodes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas Crowe, Mr. William Bishop, and Mr. Jeffrey Hesler have equity interests in Virginia Diodes, Inc., which exceed 3 percent; and

WHEREAS, the School of Engineering and Applied Science’s research agreement with Virginia Diodes, Inc., would thereby expose Mr. Crowe, Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Hesler to violation of the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act unless approved by the Board as permitted by §2.1-639.6(c) (7) of the Code of Virginia;

RESOLVED that the conflict of interest of Mr. Thomas Crowe, Mr. William Bishop, and Mr. Jeffrey Hesler are approved by the Board of Visitors in order to permit the University to continue the research agreement with Virginia Diodes, Inc., to investigate high frequency barrier diodes; provided, as required by the law, Mr. Crowe, Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Hesler each file the required annual disclosure statement of personal interests in Virginia Diodes, Inc., the University files the required annual report concerning the contracts with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the dean and department chair vigilantly oversee application of University resources in the best interests of the University and in accordance with policy.
PROJECT/PROPOSED BOARD OF VISITORS ACTION: Approve a conflict of interest exemption for Virginia Diodes, Inc. This is Part B of an agenda item for the Educational Policy committee.

DESCRIPTION: The School of Engineering and Applied Science is negotiating a sponsored research contract with Virginia Diodes, Inc., a Virginia technology company to support research on high frequency barrier diodes. Three faculty members involved with this project each own in excess of three percent of equity in the company. By law, proceeding with the proposed venture would place the faculty in a conflict because of their personal interests in the contract, unless the Board of Visitors chooses to approve an exemption for them as the law permits in the case of sponsored research agreements. The University administration will provide appropriate oversight over the allocation of resources.

FISCAL IMPACT: The University has the potential to realize income from successful commercialization of this technology through patent royalties. As this venture is speculative in nature, a future value of these earnings is difficult to forecast and may, in fact, be nonexistent; however, the University enjoys minimal exposure to unforeseen costs.

This arrangement also promotes additional research and development efforts as well as hoped for advances in the science consistent with the University’s mission.

CONCLUSION: It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed conflict of interest exemption for Virginia Diodes, Inc.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF BOARD ACTION:

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COMMITTEE: Educational Policy

AGENDA ITEM: I.D. Conflict of Interest Exemption
(Setagon, Inc.)

BACKGROUND: The School of Engineering and Applied Science is negotiating a sponsored research contract with Setagon, Inc., a Virginia technology company to undertake research on microfabrication of medical devices to prevent restenosis in cardiac patients. Setagon, Inc., owns the patent rights to the intellectual property which will be utilized in the research.

DISCUSSION: A University faculty member, Michael Reed, and a research associate, Whye-Kei Lye, each own in excess of three percent of the equity in the company. Under the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act, the University’s contracting with Setagon, Inc., would place both in violation of the Act, unless the Board of Visitors approves the conflict created by their equity interest. State law grants such approval authority to the Board in the case of sponsored research.

This research will benefit the University by providing greater opportunities for University students to participate in cutting-edge research, and potentially the development of further intellectual property, as well as sponsoring research that will enable us to exploit Setagon’s intellectual property for a solution to a serious health problem. Mr. Reed will be the principal investigator on the research. The chair of the Department of Electrical Engineering will carefully oversee the management of resources. A modest amount of funding ($10,000) is expected for the initial stage but additional resources may be required if testing of prototypes proves successful.

Virginia law and University of Virginia policy will require Mr. Reed and Mr. Lye to file annual disclosure statements of their economic interests in the company. None of these faculty members will be involved in the University’s negotiation, approval, or procurement of contract terms with Setagon, Inc.
ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Educational Policy Committee and the Board of Visitors

CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXEMPTION (SETAGON, INC.)

WHEREAS, the School of Engineering and Applied Science wishes to enter into a sponsored research contract with Setagon, Inc., to pursue basic research in the area of microfabrication of medical devices; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Reed and Mr. Whye-Kei Lye have equity interests in Setagon, Inc., which exceed 3 percent; and

WHEREAS, the School of Engineering and Applied Science's research agreement with Setagon, Inc., would thereby expose Mr. Reed and Mr. Lye to violation of the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act unless approved by the Board as permitted by §2.1-639.6(c) (7) of the Code of Virginia;

RESOLVED that the conflict of interests of Mr. Michael Reed and Mr. Whye-Kei Lei are approved by the Board of Visitors in order to permit the University to enter into a research agreement with Setagon, Inc., to conduct research on the microfabrication of medical devices to prevent restenosis in cardiac patients; provided, as required by the law, Mr. Reed and Mr. Lye each file the required annual disclosure statement of personal interests in Setagon, Inc., the University files the required annual report concerning the contracts with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the dean and department chair vigilantly oversee application of University resources in the best interests of the University and in accordance with policy.
PROJET/PROPOSED BOARD OF VISITORS ACTION: Approve a conflict of interest exemption for Setagon, Inc.

DESCRIPTION: The School of Engineering and Applied Science is negotiating a sponsored research contract with Setagon, Inc., a Virginia technology company to undertake research on microfabrication of medical devices to prevent restenosis in cardiac patients. Two faculty members, Michael Reed and Whye-Kei Lye have equity ownership positions of thirteen percent and twenty-five percent, respectively. By law, proceeding with the proposed venture would place the faculty in a conflict because of their personal interests in the contract, unless the Board of Visitors chooses to approve an exemption for them as the law permits in the case of sponsored research agreements. The University administration will provide appropriate oversight over the allocation of resources.

Setagon, Inc., owns the patent rights to the intellectual property that will be utilized in the research.

FISCAL IMPACT: Since Setagon, Inc., currently owns the intellectual property rights the University will not receive income from licensing fees; however, if during the course of the contract the company produces refinements or new inventions then the University would have rights to this intellectual property and to any royalty income as subsequently negotiated. There is minimal risk of the University incurring unforeseen costs. The research should further the state of knowledge in the science consistent with the University’s mission, and possibly lead to other educational and research opportunities.

CONCLUSION: It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed conflict of interest exemption for Setagon, Inc.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF BOARD ACTION:

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AGENDA ITEM: I.E. Conflict of Interest Exemption (AlGlutamine, LLC)

BACKGROUND: The School of Medicine is negotiating sponsored research contracts with AlGlutamine, LLC, a Virginia biotechnology company created on July 26, 1999, for the development and commercialization of glutamine derivatives to be used in oral hydration and nutrition therapy. Technology developed at the University of Virginia has been licensed to AlGlutamine by the University of Virginia Patent Foundation.

DISCUSSION: Two University faculty members, Richard Guerrant, M.D., and Timothy Macdonald, Ph.D., own in excess of three percent of the equity in the company. Under the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act, the University’s contracting with AlGlutamine, LLC, would place Dr. Guerrant and Mr. Macdonald in violation of the Act, unless the Board of Visitors approves the conflict created by their equity interest. State law grants such approval authority to the Board in the case of sponsored research, in order to allow research furthering the public interest.

Virginia law and University of Virginia policy will require Dr. Guerrant and Mr. Macdonald to file annual disclosure statements of their economic interests in the company. Dr. Guerrant and Mr. Macdonald will not be involved in the University’s negotiation, approval, or procurement of contract terms with AlGlutamine, LLC. The Associate Dean for Research, School of Medicine, heads a University oversight team responsible for managing and overseeing the research, including independently supervising, evaluating, and making personnel decisions to ensure that the continuing best interests of the University are served. As an additional precaution, the Department Chair will report at least each quarter to the Dean of the School of Medicine on the progress of sponsored research activity and the utilization of University resources.
ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Educational Policy Committee and the Board of Visitors

CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXEMPTION (AlGlutamine, LLC)

WHEREAS, the School of Medicine wishes to enter into sponsored research contracts with AlGlutamine, LLC, for developing glutamine derivatives to be used in oral hydration and nutrition therapy; and

WHEREAS, Richard Guerrant, M.D., and Timothy Macdonald, Ph.D., have disclosed in advance their equity interests of 22.82% and 19.02, percent, respectively, in AlGlutamine, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the University's entry into research agreements with AlGlutamine, LLC, would thereby expose Drs. Guerrant and Macdonald to violation of the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act unless approved by the Board as permitted by §2.1-639.6(c)(7) of the Code of Virginia;

RESOLVED that the conflict of interest of Richard Guerrant, M.D., and Timothy Macdonald, Ph.D., is approved by the Board of Visitors in order to permit the University to enter into agreements with AlGlutamine, LLC, for research funding for the development of glutamine derivatives to be used in oral hydration and nutrition therapy; provided, as required by the law, Dr. Guerrant and Mr. Macdonald file the required annual disclosure statement of personal interests in AlGlutamine, LLC, the University files the required annual report concerning the contracts with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the relevant department chair vigilantly oversees application of University resources in the best interests of the University and in accordance with policy.
PROJECT/PROPOSED BOARD OF VISITORS ACTION: Approve a conflict of interest exemption for A1Glutamine, LLC.

DESCRIPTION: The School of Medicine is negotiating a sponsored research contract with A1Glutamine, LLC, a Virginia biotechnology company for the development and commercialization of glutamine derivatives. Two faculty members, Richard Guerrant, M.D., and Timothy Macdonald, Ph.D., have equity ownership positions of twenty-three percent and nineteen percent, respectively. The remaining ownership is distributed among other parties, including a ten percent interest for the University of Virginia Patent Foundation. By law, proceeding with the proposed venture would place the faculty in a conflict because of their personal interests in the contract, unless the Board of Visitors chooses to approve an exemption for them as the law permits in the case of sponsored research agreements. The University administration will provide appropriate oversight over the allocation of resources.

FISCAL IMPACT: In addition to the ten percent equity interest enjoyed by the University of Virginia Patent Foundation, A1Glutamine, LLC, has agreed to pay a four percent royalty fee (for licensing) on gross revenues, minus a one percent rebate should the company locate in the City of Charlottesville or Albemarle County. Milestone covenants governing distributions are also in effect. As this venture is speculative in nature, a future value of these earnings is difficult to forecast and may, in fact, be nonexistent; however, the University enjoys minimal exposure to unforeseen costs. This arrangement also promotes additional research and development efforts in a field (global health) identified as strategically important by the University.

CONCLUSION: It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed conflict of interest exemption for A1Glutamine, LLC.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF BOARD ACTION:

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BACKGROUND: The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation has recently changed its name to the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, dropping "Memorial" from the name. They have, as a result, asked that the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation endowed professorships and lectureship be renamed to reflect the name change.

DISCUSSION: The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Professorship in Architecture will be renamed the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Professorship in Architecture

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Educational Policy Committee and the Board of Visitors

RESOLVED that the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Professorship in Architecture be renamed the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Professorship in Architecture.
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AGENDA ITEM: I.G. Renaming The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Professorship in History

BACKGROUND: The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation has recently changed its name to the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, dropping "Memorial" from the name. They have, as a result, asked that the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation endowed professorships and lectureship be renamed to reflect the name change.

DISCUSSION: The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Professorship in History will be renamed the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Professorship in History.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Educational Policy Committee and the Board of Visitors

RESOLVED that the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Professorship in History be renamed the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Professorship in History.
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AGENDA ITEM: I.H. Renaming The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Lectureship

BACKGROUND: The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation has recently changed its name to the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, dropping "Memorial" from the name. They have, as a result, asked that the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation endowed professorships and lectureship be renamed to reflect the name change.

DISCUSSION: The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Lectureship will be renamed the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Lectureship.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Educational Policy Committee and the Board of Visitors

APPROVAL TO RENAME THE THOMAS JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FOUNDATION LECTURESHP TO THE THOMAS JEFFERSON FOUNDATION LECTURESHP

RESOLVED that the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Lectureship be renamed the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Lectureship.
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AGENDA ITEM: II.A. Vice President’s Remarks

DISCUSSION: The Vice President and Provost will use this portion of the Educational Policy Committee to inform the Board of Visitors of recent events of which the Board should be made aware.

ACTION REQUIRED: None
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AGENDA ITEM: II.B. Faculty Senate

DISCUSSION: The Vice President and Provost will introduce the Chair of the Faculty Senate, Ms. Patricia H. Werhane, who will give a report to the Board on the Senate’s accomplishments during the past academic year and its plans for the coming academic year.

ACTION REQUIRED: None