Charge to Research Council

1. Review the University System of Maryland Policy on Classified and Proprietary Work (IV-2.20)

2. Consider the scope of restrictions on publication and nationality that would ensue were this policy to be changed.

3. Identify potential costs, benefits, and risks (e.g., legal, reputational) to the university community associated with pursuing a more flexible policy to conduct research with publication and citizenship restrictions.

4. Identify potential risks and benefits to the various members of the university community (students, post-docs, junior and senior faculty) associated with conducting research with publication and citizenship restrictions (academic and career implications, legal risks, etc.).

5. Identify the costs and benefits of conducting restricted research on campus versus in University facilities off campus.

6. Review involvement in restricted research at peer and other Big Ten Academic Alliance. If restricted research is conducted, investigate if limitations are imposed and in what context(s).

7. Actively seek input and recommendations from the broader University of Maryland community about whether, under what conditions, and through what processes the university should permit faculty to engage in restricted research.

8. Consult with the University's Office of General Counsel on any proposed recommendations.

9. If the recommendation is to proceed, produce a draft policy that is concise and clear (2-3 pages) and briefly recommend next steps toward the development of implementation procedures.

We ask that you submit your report and recommendations to the Senate Office no later than January 17, 2017. (typo corrected)

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Background Material

- Draft Exception Policy (December 8, 2004)
- Presentation Summary of Options: University Affiliated Research Initiatives (UARIs)
- UMD Division of Research White Paper on Restricted Research (November 30, 2015)
- Informal survey results of Big 10 Academic Alliance (2015)
- Background information from VPR (August 22, 2016)

Working Schedule (Tentative)

- Kickoff meeting August 22, 2016: round table introductions, review charge, discussion on issues and process. Members asked to solicit thoughts from their colleagues.
- September meeting: discuss background material and framing of response. Task further information gathering.
- October meeting: discuss further information on (selected) peers. Begin synthesis, task writing.
- October town hall.
- November meeting: discuss further information, continue synthesis, review draft.
- December meeting: Review draft, task final writing.