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Committee on Faculty Welfare

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Re: Review of Draft Policy on International Activities

While the Committee on Faculty Welfare has not considered this proposed draft policy in a face-to-face meeting, all members have considered it and several have offered comments. Most importantly, the new language appears to constitute a formal University “policy” with considerable administrative authority delegated to the campus chancellors. In that sense, it differs from the existing “guidelines” with authority residing with the President. This change should assure that the Academic Senate will have an opportunity to review carefully the next draft.

With regard to this initial draft, we concur with your concern about the need to define and identify “activities.” More specifically from a faculty welfare perspective, we need to know how the definition will pertain to faculty traveling abroad for research, professional meetings, making contacts with other scholars, etc. Typically this has been an unregulated part of faculty life. Examples of what is to be included, reported, and regulated by the administration are needed.

In some disciplines international collaboration is an on-going part of faculty research. Necessarily, when faculty members from several universities are involved, it would be untenable for a campus administrator on one campus to dissolve work that was done as part of an international team.

I am sure there is plenty to consider here, but it would be most helpful if the next draft could alleviate the concerns cited above.