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TO: Senate Division Chair Dylan Rodriguez

FROM: Maurizio Pellecchia, Chair Executive Committee, School of Medicine


RE: comments on the "Proposed Presidential Policy on open Access for Theses and Dissertations"

The School of Medicine Executive Committee discussed the matter at length at the December 2017 FEC meeting.

While most faculty had no problems with the initiative in principle, there was a strong concern that dissertations may contain intellectual property elements that if disclosed prematurely may preclude patenting. The committee therefore recommends that the embargo period would be extended to at the least 2 years or longer.

Kind regards,

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