TO: Executive Board  
FROM: Trustees' Committee on Corporate Responsibility  
RE: A Tentative Agreement of Cooperation for Joint Research, Training and Publication between the Arab Development Institute in Tripoli and the University of Pennsylvania and the State University of New York, New Paltz.

At the last Executive Board meeting, the Executive Board and the Chairman of the Trustees referred to the Trustees’ Committee on Corporate Responsibility two assignments:

1. Determine whether acceptance of this proposed agreement conforms to the University policy guides on the acceptances of research grants and contracts, and so advise the President and Provost to proceed with the agreement on the basis of the current guidelines, or to provide special instructions as to limitations or restrictions to be observed in drafting a subsequent version of the agreement.  
2. Review the guidelines with a view toward their application to future agreements of this nature and make recommendations to the President and Provost.

The Committee deliberated in these matters by an exchange of correspondence; the Committee Chairman conducted interviews with Professors Frye, Naff, and Callon; and considered the statements by the aforesaid professors that were published in the ALMANAC as well as additional information supplied by Professors Callen and Conn. The Committee discussed its dual
As to the first Assignment:

1. Basing its judgement solely on the existing guidelines (Memorandum of February 21, 1978) it is the opinion of the Committee that the terms of the proposed project conform to the current guidelines.

2. The Committee, however, feels that the proposed agreement fails to make sufficiently clear the relationship between the parties to the agreement. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the parties in interest negotiate a new agreement. In particular, the Committee asks that the new agreement make it clear:

That no donor or grantor have actual or constructive control over a program or project other than a legitimate right to insure that the funds supplied have been used in accordance with the proposal or other agreement governing the relationship.

That the terms of the gift, grant, or contract, clearly reflect the true interests and relationships of the parties.

The Committee was not able to determine the degree to which the current proposed agreement had been subjected to administrative review as to the academic merit of the enterprise before its submission to the Trustee's Committee for their consideration. Judgements on the basis of academic merit are the prerogative of the administration and faculty and the Trustee's Committee felt it would be presumptuous on their part to attempt to evaluate the proposed agreement on such grounds. The Committee does suggest, however, that the document be scrutinized on academic grounds by the appropriate University organizational mechanism set up for such purposes, if indeed this review procedure has not already been followed.

As for the second part of the Committee's assignment, we believe that a thoughtful review of the current guidelines is indicated in light of the University's growing involvement in international education and the possibility of potential funding from countries and agencies. As a corollary to this action, the Committee recommends that current review mechanisms for such purposes be evaluated to determine whether they are appropriately organized and administered to carry out this oversight function.
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Should it be determined that current review mechanisms are not adequate, the Committee recommends the establishment of a joint faculty-administration body for the formulation of revised guidelines and for oversight of their observance.

In the course of the Committee's deliberations, a number of changes and additions to the guidelines were made by members of the Committee and faculty members. Some of these changes are contained in the attached memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

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Enclosure