October 25, 2012

William W. Destler, Ph.D.
President
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RE: Oversight Committee for Externally Sponsored Projects Annual Report FY12

Dear President Destler:

The 2011-2012 Oversight Committee is pleased to present our FY12 Annual Report. In accordance with the RIT Oversight Policy for Externally Sponsored Projects, this report is provided for the Board of Trustees, Academic Senate, Staff Council, and Institute Council and will become part of the public record of the Committee, which is available through the RIT Digital Media Library (DML).

From July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012, the Committee reviewed 511 Initial and Revised Notices of Award (NOAs) submitted by Principal Investigators (PIs) to the Research Administration Portal and Information Database (RAPID) available here: http://apps.rit.edu/research/srs/rapid/. The Committee conducted reviews of four special cases involving publication restrictions and provided recommendations to the Provost.

During the FY12 fiscal year the Committee made efforts to inform the RIT Community about the Oversight Policy and procedures including:

a) An article in the SRS newsletter about the importance of providing high-quality abstracts to be shared with the RIT Community.

b) Development of two poster-style commercials to be run on the Student Government (SG) television station and on SG video displays around campus, which are expected to play in Fall 2012.

c) A presentation to Graduate Student Council and an article in their newsletter about the Oversight Policy and the activities of the Committee.

In closing, the Committee thanks Walter Wolf for his many years of dedicated service to the Oversight Committee as both a member and a Chair. Walter retired at the end of FY12 and the Committee is currently identifying a replacement to be appointed by Academic Senate.

Following acceptance of this report, we will add it and the FY12 listing of Notices of Award to the other Committee documents on file for public review. Please feel free to contact us with any concerns, questions, or comments that you may have with respect to our Committee and this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

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In absentia: Walter Wolf, Chair 11-12 and Christian Fortuna

cc: Jeremy Haefner – Provost and Vice President  
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