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From: University Committee
Subject: Motion to Restructure UW-Madison's Research Enterprise

Dear Colleagues:

Attached to this email is the University Committee's revised motion regarding the structure of UW-Madison's research enterprise, plus two organization charts, one showing the current structure and the second showing proposed changes.

Since last July, when the provost presented the administration's proposal to create a research division separate from the Graduate School, there have been four overarching issues to this conversation: 1) maintaining UW-Madison's preeminence in research and graduate education, 2) keeping the administration of graduate education and research together in one unit, 3) maintaining shared governance in the administration of the research enterprise, and 4) the creation of the position of vice chancellor of research. The elements of the University Committee's motion create a structure within which we should be able to meet all four objectives. A positive vote and adoption of this motion by the senate will allow the faculty to exercise our responsibility for the immediate governance of the institution.

Based on what the University Committee heard at the April senate meeting during the first reading discussion of the motion, the University Committee crafted the current motion, which will be discussed at the 3 May senate meeting.

Thank you for your interest.

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