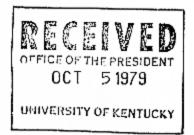
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UNIVERSITY SENATE COUNCIL TO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

October 4, 1979



Dr. Otis A. Singletary President 103 Administration Building CAMPUS

Dear President Singletary:

As you requested, I am forwarding the Council's comments on the proposed Research Title Series. Virtually all of these comments were unanimously agreed to by the Council.

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Enclosure-1

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Sincerely,

B. Definition

- We recommend the removal of the word <u>normally</u> in the first sentence, item 2. The word suggests exceptions and other time periods.
- We recommend the removal of the word conventional in the second sentence. It seems to us to be redundant. It was also suggested that the definition may be too restrictive and that some allowance be made for occasional service and non-regular teaching. For example, "This does not preclude that the person participate in a laboratory setting or seminar series."
- It was also recommended that the third sentence (96 words) have additional punctuation. One suggestion was to put a period at the end of the phrase designated funds and begin a new sentence with "However, in such circumstances..."

C. Establishment of a Position

- We are concerned that it will take considerable time to process the form for the establishment of a position.

 Would it be possible for a unit to establish positions without specific funding, and then fill positions when funding is at hand?
- We are not clear whether it would be possible to attach to these people to Graduate Centers and Institutes. If persons can be attached to a Graduate Center, they will be quite isolated. Because Institutes are not educational units, it appears that no research personnel can be attached to them. Was this your intention?

F. Procedures for Appointment and Promotion

We are extremely dubious about the proposal to permit these people to supervise theses and dissertations. Grants run out and the research professor may disappear. Who will complete supervision of the student's thesis? Moreover, there may be some resentment from the regular faculty

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about their non-involvement and the student will suffer even more. Perhaps the difficulty can be solved by providing that they are eligible for associate membership on the Graduate Faculty and may "co-direct" theses and dissertations.

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In addition, we recommend that the series say something about termination for incompetence and other such matters during the term of the appointment.