



THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

OFFICE FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

March 24, 1997

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans

FROM: Nancy S. Barrett ^{NSB}

RE: Research Incentive Program

Dr. Bob Wells reports that research applications and receipts have increased dramatically this year. These new research contracts and grants will produce additional indirect costs funds for use by the institution. President Sorensen and I have been working with Bob Wright to develop a plan which would return a larger portion of these excess funds to the colleges and schools. I am pleased to announce the approval of our proposal.

The new policy on distribution of research indirect costs funds will continue the traditional allocation of 60% to the general University and 40% to the academic divisions on the prior year's base for research indirect cost. Once the established base has been generated, the distribution will change to 20% to general University, and 80% to Academic Affairs. We will retain 20% of this additional funding centrally to enhance our pool for cost sharing and equipment matches and to develop new, unfunded research initiatives. The other 20% will go back to the colleges as incentive funding, to be distributed at the discretion of the deans. This additional allocation in excess of the base will be made after September 30 each year for the fiscal year just concluded. In September 1997, the base will be the college's research indirect cost pool for the 1995-96 fiscal year. In subsequent years, a new base will be established for each college as a moving average of the previous 3 years' research indirect cost recovery.

I am excited about the possibility of providing additional funds which your faculty efforts have generated and hope that this incentive will encourage an even greater research effort for the future.

NSB/dm

c: President Andrew Sorensen
Vice President Robert Wright