MEMORANDUM

To: Phil Troyk, UFC Chair

From: Allan S. Myerson, Provost & Senior Vice President

Date: February 15, 2006

Re: IPRO Motion

I am writing in relation to the motion on the UFC website related to the IPRO program to clarify current policy concerning the IPRO program and to respond to issues raised in the UFC motion.

1. Faculty Workload and Ability to Teach IPRO Courses

Faculty who teach IPRO courses will receive teaching credit in their academic unit equal to teaching credit given by their unit for a regular three credit hour course with an enrollment of approximately 10-15 students. Each academic unit can determine a maximum number of IPRO courses which can be offered by their unit each semester to insure that sufficient faculty are available to meet the unit's total teaching needs. Faculty can request IPRO courses as part of their semester's teaching assignment (as they can request any course) with final decisions made by the academic unit head based on the overall teaching needs of the unit.

2. Financial Support of the IPRO Program

The IPRO program is administered through IBIS and has a university fund (2 account budget) dedicated to the program. In addition to the university funded budget, individual projects also receive sponsorships which are held in gift accounts (under ledger 6).

3. Compensation to Academic Units Who Offer IPROS

Academic units have been receiving some compensation for offering IPRO courses. I agree with the UFC's recommendation that this compensation be increased to \$8,000 per IPRO or ENPRO course taught by Category I and II faculty. These funds will go to the academic unit and can be used at the discretion of the academic unit head, except that no direct additional compensation to faculty members will be permitted. The compensation amount which the academic unit receives will be reviewed on a regular basis.

4. Faculty Oversight Committee and Program Review

An IPRO faculty committee currently exists to provide academic oversight. I would be pleased to see such a committee formalized and appointed by the UFC.

The IPRO program, like all programs at the university, should be reviewed and assessed on a regular basis.