

Resolution on Council on Research Participation
in Artificial Intelligence Initiative Decision-Making

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Whereas faculty searches have been authorized across all colleges and schools and a new institute devoted to Artificial Intelligence (AI) research is proposed to be created, and because CoR represents different units across the university and, through its membership, maintains a unique perspective about research and scholarship at the university, the CoR would like to help and offer services to the decision-making process regarding the very exciting AI Initiative,

Whereas Section X.5.4 of the Senate Charter states that the CoR will have the opportunity to discuss new research initiatives at the earliest possible moment, in order to ensure the success and viability of such endeavors,

Whereas Section X.5.4 of the Senate Charter states also that the CoR is responsible for implementing guidelines about the formation of centers and institutes to ensure and enhance their success and viability,

Whereas the University has established policies and procedures for “Establishing, Operating, and Reviewing Organized Research Units at the University at Albany,”

Therefore, be it resolved that the CoR reaches out to the offices of the VPRED and the Provost to:

- 1) Request information about the formal processes that will underpin the faculty searches and founding of the new research institute,
- 2) Initiate a discussion about CoR's role in these processes, particularly in relation to established protocol for the review and approval of new institutes,
- 3) Offer CoR's expertise and assistance with the faculty searches, e.g. reviewing text of job postings or offering input on candidate short lists regarding research synergies across units, and
- 4) Offer CoR's expertise and assistance with the search for the institute director.

CoR recognizes the critical importance and value of this AI Initiative to the university and believes it could contribute to its success by providing input and oversight. Moreover, in view of the Senate Charter, the CoR understands itself to be responsible for oversight of the research aspects of this initiative.