Dear Colleagues:

We are writing to make you aware of new federal regulations governing federal grants to universities and our plan for responding to these new requirements.

On December 26, 2013, after a multi-year process of rule drafting and public comment, the Federal Office of Management and Budget released “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.”

Effective December 26, 2014, this final guidance supersedes and streamlines requirements currently found in eight separate OMB guidance circulars into just one circular. The full text of the guidance in the code of Federal regulations can be found at 2 CFR Chapter 1, Chapter II, Part 200, et al

https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/12/26/2013-30465/uniform-administrative-requirements-cost-principles-and-audit-requirements-for-federal-awards

The goal of this reform is to deliver on President Obama’s directives to (1) streamline guidance for Federal awards to ease administrative burden, and (2) strengthen oversight over Federal funds to reduce risks of waste, fraud, and abuse. It is believed that streamlining existing OMB guidance will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of Federal awards to ensure best use of more than $500 billion in annual Federal expenditures. The revised rules set standard requirements for financial management of Federal awards across the entire Federal government and will impact federal grants administration at UNH.

In response, a working group has been formed. The group will be managed by Sponsored Programs Administration. David Browning, Manager, Financial Research Administration will serve as the point person and project manager. The working group includes participation from senior representatives from central offices at UNH and UHN and has been tasked to review the new regulations, identify changes, and develop implementation, training and communication plans. The UNH offices of the SVPR and VPFA will co-sponsor this project.

They expect to complete a preliminary analysis by mid-summer and will begin to communicate the results of their review.

We appreciate your understanding and support for this important effort.

Sincerely,

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