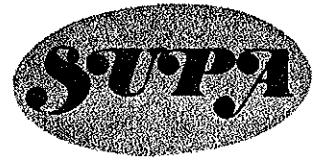


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To: SUPA Officers and Trustees

From: Howard W. Bremer

As you are all no doubt aware Senator Nelson has been holding some hearings regarding the Institutional Patent Agreement directed to its history, legal basis and implications as an implement to government patent policy. On May 23, Dr. Tom Jones, Vice President for Research at MIT made a statement during the hearings before Senator Nelson (The Monopoly and Anticompetitive Activities Subcommittee and Senate Small Business Committee) on the desirability of Institutional Patent Agreements for universities. In the event you do not have a copy of Dr. Jones' testimony you will find one enclosed.

Senator Nelson has scheduled additional hearings for the 20th, 21st and 26th of June and is planning to hear from some of the Institutional Patent Agreement holders. We know that WARF, Research Corporation and University Patents, Inc. have been asked to testify.

The purpose of this letter is to suggest that each of you get in touch with some five to six universities in your particular area and ask them to write to Senator Nelson in support of the testimony and position which Dr. Jones presented on behalf of AAU and other university groups. As you are aware, the volume of mail is often important in this situation and a good volume of mail coming from concerned institutions should certainly be helpful in generating a favorable consideration of the Institutional Patent Agreement question. (Sample letter attached.)

On another matter, we are planning to go ahead with the proposed Officers and Trustees Meeting on June 26 and Mary Spores has made arrangements for accommodations at the O'Hare Hilton. Will you please get in touch with her directly if you need room accommodations for the night of the 25th. She has to have a complete count before June 14.

Best regards.

HWB:rw
Enc.

Sample letter

It is our understanding that additional hearings will be held on June 20, 21 and 26 at which time IPA holders will be given the opportunity to testify. Although _____ University does not wish to testify, we support the concept of a government-wide IPA and urge your committee to favorably report on its use as an effective transfer mechanism of university developed technology.