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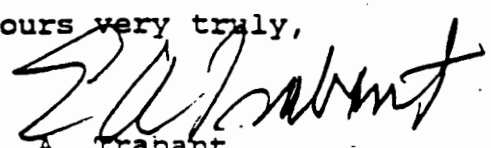
Dear Professor Nees:

I have read and studied the Faculty Senate Committee on Research Report on the issue of the University of Delaware's relationship with the Pioneer Fund. It is an excellent report. I am pleased with the thoughtfulness and thoroughness of the work of you and your committee.

I accept the report. In particular I note your statements that academic freedom does not require that the University approve and forward every application of external funding generated by members of the faculty. Furthermore, the University has a right to set its own priorities for support of scholarly activity.

Therefore, by copy of this letter it will be University policy as stated in your report. The University of Delaware should neither seek nor accept any further financial support from the Pioneer Fund as long as the Fund remains committed to intent of its original charter and to a pattern of activities incompatible with the University's mission.

Yours very truly,

  
E. A. Trabant  
President

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