THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject:

Regental Action Required Under the State of

Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute

Action

Requested:

Authorization for the University to establish a contract with Talley Photo+

graphics. (University of Michigan Employee Kathleen Talley, Owner)

Background:

The University of Michigan Department of Nursing seeks approval to contract with Talley Photo+graphics for software and services required to update the Department of Nursing website with the new Nursing Governance Structure.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Kathleen Talley is a University employee as Visual Arts Coordinator in UMHS Gifts of Art Department and would be party to the contract as an Owner of Talley Photo+graphics. However, the Statute allows the University to enter into such contracts if the following conditions are met:

- a) The public servant promptly discloses any pecuniary interest in the contract to the official body which has power to approve the purchase, which disclosure shall be a matter of record in its official proceedings.
- b) The purchase is approved by a vote of not less than 2/3 of the full membership of the approving body in open session without the vote of the public servant making the disclosure.
- c) The official body discloses the following summary information in its official minutes:
 - i) The name of each party involved in the contract.
 - ii) The terms of the purchase, including duration, financial consideration between the parties, facilities or services of the public entity included in the purchase, and the nature and degree of assignment of employees of the public entity for fulfillment of the purchase.
 - iii) The nature of any pecuniary interest.

The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the contract are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Department of Nursing and Talley Photo+graphics.
- ii) This agreement is for software and services required to update the Department of Nursing website with the new Nursing Governance Structure. The cost for said work will be \$549.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee, Kathleen Talley, is the owner of Talley Photo+graphics.

Kathleen Talley has met state law requirements with the disclosure of her pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan. Requirements, if any, that may be applicable under the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee's procedures are separately analyzed and managed.

<u>We recommend</u> that the Board of Regents approve the agreement between the University of Michigan and Talley Photo+ graphics subject to requirements, if any, that either the Medical School's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted

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