Annual Research Report FY 2008

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OVPR Imperatives

- Strategic Leadership
- Positioning U-M to Thrive and Lead
- Give Faculty the Tools to Succeed, and Recognition When They Do



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"Some of the research news that's fit to mention"

Research volume rises to new records

Industry partnerships expand

Promoting faculty excellence takes center stage

Research Cyber-infrastructure transformation gets going

Energy research boost for campus, economy



Research Spending

Total reaches \$876M

6.4%

Federal spending at \$611M



Med. School Funding Rank Rises to 7th

Industry Spending at \$43M



All Time High

- ✓ FY'09: More increases likely
- ✓ Research portfolio = stability in turbulent times
- ✓ Major opportunities: energy and sustainability



Strengthening Industry Partnerships

- 13 U-M spin-offs in FY08 (among highest in US)
- Licensing income: \$25M
- U-M leads statewide university effort to jump start economy



Funding from C. S. Mott Foundation and the New Economy Initiative



Changing the Culture

- "Remarkable transformation" underway. "U-M is now very much a leader in industry outreach."
 - -- Edward Krause, Ford Motor Co.
- Recognizing and rewarding faculty for industry interactions
 - Example:
 Distinguished University Innovator Award



Business Engagement Center Opens





- Gateway for industry
- Collaboration between OVPR and Development
- Presence sends strong message



Reputation of faculty strongly influences rankings

UNIVERSITY	2006 R&D EXPENDITURES	NAS MEMBERS	IOM MEMBERS	NAE MEMBERS
U MICHIGAN	\$800M	20	35	22
STANFORD	\$679M	132	53	85
UC BERKELEY	\$546M	131	10	75
MIT	\$601M	109	28	109

OVPR working with units to significantly increase recognition



Faculty Excellence

 New Faculty Hires in Strategic Areas

Former Pfizer
 scientists become
 core of new U-M
 Center for Drug Design





Faculty Excellence

- Research faculty career paths redesigned
 - Consulted with all 19 schools and colleges, and faculty groups
 - Establishes equity, path for advancement, clarity, enhances university reputation
 - Process a "model of collegiality" between central administration and faculty
 - -- David Potter, SACUA Chair.

Computation in Research

- Common thread running through all disciplines
- Essential to research mission
- Coordinating with MAIS
- Goals:
 - Maximize current resources
 - Expand capabilities
 - Efficient and cost effective
- New AVPR: Dan Atkins

ENERGY

Building on Strengths, Positioning for New Opportunities

- Opportunities abound
 - Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV)
 - New Generation Batteries
 - DTE Green Energy Prize
- Clear priority of state and federal government
- Ideal for partnering with all sectors
- Recruiting faculty to fill gaps

Impacting Policy

- New administration sees gains to economy and environment in building energy infrastructure
- U-M helping to set national agenda
 - New mechanisms to support energy independence in the works



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