

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Regental Action Under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute

Action Requested: Authorize Execution of Investment Agreements for the Michigan Biomedical Venture Fund for FlexDex Inc.

Preamble:

In April 2016, the Board of Regents approved the Michigan Biomedical Venture Fund (MBVF) and its guidelines. The purpose of the Michigan Biomedical Venture Fund is to provide seed and pre-seed capital to biomedical start-up companies based on underlying technologies from the University of Michigan's College of Engineering and Medical School.

The proposed investment agreements (the "Agreements") fall under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because the listed Interested Individual(s) is/are both an employee of the University of Michigan ("University") and a partial owner of FlexDex Inc. (the "Company"). The law permits such an Agreement provided it is disclosed to the Board of Regents ("Regents") of the University of Michigan and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote.

Background:

Based on recommendations from the Michigan Biomedical Venture Fund Investment Advisory Board (IAB) and Program Manager, and in accordance with approved operational procedures and protocols, the Michigan Biomedical Venture Fund is seeking approval for financing agreements up to a total of \$300K in potential investments (through one or more rounds of financing) under the MBVF for the below-listed startup. It is understood that, upon approval of this item, MBVF will have no obligation to enter into the Agreements or proceed with any investment in the company.

FlexDex Inc. was founded in 2014, and headquartered in Brighton, MI is a platform technology precisely translates the surgeon's hand, wrist, and arm movements from outside the patient into corresponding movements of an end-effector inside the patient's body. Based on a simple, purely mechanical, and affordable design, FlexDex greatly enhances the capabilities of MIS instruments.

The Company was formed to commercialize the novel technology developed at the University.

Interested Individual(s):

James Geiger, M.D., has an appointment at the Michigan Medicine as a Professor of Surgery

Shorya Awtar, Sc.D., has an appointment at the University of Michigan as the

Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering

Pecuniary Interest:

The pecuniary interests of Drs. Geiger and Awtar arise from his ownership interest in the Company.

Parties to the Agreement:

The Regents of University of Michigan and FlexDex Inc.

Agreement Terms Include:

The Michigan Biomedical Venture Fund will execute applicable standard agreements for venture capital investing. The University will receive future equity in the Company, along with the right to purchase more equity.

No use of University services or facilities, nor any assignment of University employees, is obligated or contemplated under the Agreement. Standard disclaimers of warranties and indemnification apply, and the Agreement may be amended by consent of the parties. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

Recommendations:

We believe state law requirements have been met with the disclosure of the pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan. Requirements, if any, that may be applicable by the supervisors or designated conflict managers under the Conflict of Interest Policy at the applicable school, college or administrative unit within the University must be analyzed and managed in addition to the foregoing approval process.

I recommend that the Board of Regents authorize execution of agreements between the University of Michigan and FlexDex Inc. as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

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