

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents
November 19, 2009

ACTION REQUEST

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

Action

Requested: Authorization for the University to make a Payment to
Jazz Pie Music (University of Michigan Employees Roderick McDonald,
Christopher Smith and James Dapogny, Band Members)

Background:

The University of Michigan Law School's Office of Development and Alumni Relations ("LSODAR") seeks approval to make a payment to Jazz Pie Music ("JPM") for a musical performance provided during an LSODAR reunion event. The department chose JPM because of the quality of their performance and reasonable cost.

The proposed payment falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Roderick McDonald, Christopher Smith and James Dapogny are University employees and would be parties to the contract as band members of JPM. 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:

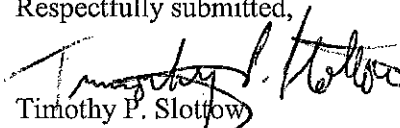
- i) The parties involved in the agreement for payment are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Law School's Office of Development and Alumni Relations and Jazz Pie Music.

- ii) The service provided was musical entertainment during a tailgate event on September 26, 2009 for one and a half hours. The total payment for the service is \$900.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that Roderick McDonald, Christopher Smith and James Dapogny are University of Michigan employees as Research Laboratory Specialist Associate, Patient Care Technical Assistant and Professor Emeritus, respectively, and are band members of JPM.

Mr. McDonald, Mr. Smith and Mr. Dapogny have met state law requirements with the disclosure of their 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.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the payments between the University of Michigan and JPM 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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