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MEMORANDUM

TO: John L. Safko, Secretary
Faculty Senate

FROM: William H. Kanes, Chair 
Savannah River Review Committee

SUBJECT: 1993/94 Annual Committee Report

In accordance with the resolution taken by the General Faculty Meeting on May 4, 1988, and amended June 16, 1988, I submit the following report for the General Faculty. The report was compiled with the advice and consent of Professor Thomas Borg, USC School of Medicine, Professor Peter Sederberg, Government and International Studies, Professor David Cowen, Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor Paul Huray, Ex-officio, Professor John Logue, USC Sumter, Professor Leon Ginsberg, College of Social Work, and Professor Alan Nairn, Earth Sciences and Resources Institute. It was deemed invaluable by the Savannah River Review Committee that the South Carolina Universities Research and Education Foundation (SCUREF) should be more closely examined. We posed a series of questions to the faculty on the USC/WSRC research relationships. That survey will be summarized in the following manner.

A) The questions on the survey were:

- 1) Why did you decide to participate in the WSRC research program?

- 2) Do you think that good communications exist between WSRC and contracting scientists? Can you suggest improvements?

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- 3) Do you find that the requirements for quality assurance or any other aspect of the administration of these grants are unnecessarily burdensome? If so, could you recommend improvements?
- 4) Are you aware of the current requirement for prior approval of all publications, presentations, or public release of information?
- 5) Have you encountered any difficulties in complying with the prior approval requirement or with receiving approval for desired publications or presentations? If so, please describe.
- 6) Do you have any other concerns with the research relationship with WSRC?
7. What is your faculty rank?

B) The responses were as follows:

- 1) Research opportunities: 12
Requested by superiors: 2
Help SRC with problems: 5
- 2) Yes: 9
No: 6
- 3) Yes: 9
No: 6
- 4) Yes: 13
No: 2
- 5) Yes: 1
No: 11
N.A.: 2
Anticipate difficulties: 1

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- 6) Yes: 7
No: 8

- 7) Professor: 9
Associate Professor: 3
Assistant Professor: 3

C) Written responses are not summarized here but are on record for review.

This Committee, based on this survey, suggests that no other action be taken at this time beyond continued overview. However several members were anxious to go on record recommending that any junior faculty members discuss the impact of their research within their College and with their Department Chairs, or with their Dean, if applicable.

Professor Leon Ginsberg assumed the Chair of this Committee by unanimous vote, succeeding Professor Kanen whose term of service is now completed.

cc: Thomas Borg
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