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Dear Colleague:

Erwin Schaffer expressed an interest in this graph that Bob Kane put together. This shows the remarkable circumstance of Health Sciences indirect cost earnings subsidizing the rest of the University. It is not widely known. Our Dean is not free to address it widely or before the Regents. It clearly happened on the last Vice President watch and the principals involved are now departed. I think it should be uppermost in the minds of Health Sciences and on the agenda of the new Vice President.

There are other plans and ideas in the mill that would remove any return of Indirect Cost to the colleges that earned it. Now, when we have just begun to get it back from the State and have begun to make innovative use of it for what it is intended, that is, development of new research, there may be a plan underway to take it back. That may even be supported by our most supportive colleague for research, Tony Potami, so there may be some reasons for it (Congressional in origin?) I thought you needed to be aware of this. It might be well for us to document well how the schools and departments use their Indirect Cost Recovery to the great advantage of the University and State and get those arguments before the Administration.

Cordially,

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