

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESOLUTION

RATIONALE: Researchers at SIUC who conduct stem cell research must be provided with institutional guidelines and a sound policy to ensure high ethical standards are met. Through input from stem cell researchers at SIUC, a policy was adopted and adapted from a similar policy at the University of Connecticut with permission from the Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School.

The Policy on Stem Cell Research was unanimously approved by an Interim Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight (ESCRO) Committee in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for Research and the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research on June 12, 2007.

The ESCRO committee ultimately will be responsible for all stem cell research oversight for SIUC and SIU School of Medicine. The SIUC Policy on Stem Cell Research establishes standards that are in line with existing policies and oversight committees. This policy will ensure that research is well-justified and well-conceived, thereby protecting the reputation of SIUC and facilitating collaborations among researchers across institutions.

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the recommendation of the Research Committee of the Graduate Council that the SIUC Policy on Stem Cell Research be approved.