Prof. David Carter – Criminal Justice
Univ. Dist. Prof. Lawrence Drzal – Chemical Engineering & Materials Science
Associate Dean Leo Kempel – College of Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering (Chair)
Prof. Debra Nails – Philosophy (Vice Chair)
Univ. Dist. Prof. James Tiedje – Crop & Soil Science; Microbiology
Dean Karin Wurst – College of Arts & Letters; Linguistics & Languages
1. General Funds should not be used.
2. Classified research should not be conducted.
4. Research may not be undertaken in the URO if it can be conducted in a regular academic unit.
5. Current policy requiring open publication of research should be preserved and strengthened.
6. Undergrads, graduate students, and junior faculty will be formally advised on career implications of URO participation prior to deciding to participate.

See: [https://uro.egr.msu.edu](https://uro.egr.msu.edu) for the full report of the FEC.
2011-12 – Pre-Approval
Faculty Exploratory Committee
University Committee on Faculty Affairs
University Committee on Faculty Tenure
University Committee on Undergraduate Studies
University Committee on Graduate Studies
Faculty Senate -- *endorsed*
University Council -- *endorsed*

2012-13 – Post-Approval
Faculty Exploratory Committee
College of Engineering Faculty, via Dean’s Office
University Committee on Faculty Affairs

**EXTENSIVE INVOLVEMENT BY ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE**
BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustee Policy Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees that:

(a) the Administration be authorized to create a new unit of the University (the "University Research Organization" or "URO") for the specific purpose of hosting projects that are envisioned as unclassified research but will be subject in their funded conduct to external publication approval, participant citizenship restrictions, or other forms of significant government control on project access or the dissemination of results. The URO is to be created within the explicitly reaffirmed MSU policy context that such research is unacceptable in all other units of the University absent an exception based upon an exigency of national defense;
Existence

✓ EBS “Organization of Interest” & Accounts

Space

✓ Leases at MBI International & 2727 Alliance Dr.

Policies to Define Scope at Launch

☐ Memorandum #1 – Eligible Projects -- Interim
☐ Memorandum #2 – Eligible Participants -- Interim
Metamaterial-based MEMS Phase Shifters for Phased Arrays

A. Brown Design / Air Force

Design & Engineering of Non-Plastic Waste Bags Based on Biofiber

NTIC / Navy

Coating Electrical Property Characterization and CEM Development

GE Aviation
Harnessing Evolutionary Computation to Support Software Composition with Code-Level Adapters

BAE Systems

Ferromagnetic Josephson Junctions for Cryogenic Random Access Memory

IARPA via Navy

An Experimental Examination of the Effects of Expert Interrogation

DoJ / FBI

URO AVOIDED – BECAUSE NEGOTIATIONS REMOVED RESTRICTIONS
1. Challenge: Faculty want not only to take projects with publication or citizenship restrictions (which the URO supports), but also to ensure they have financial support for members of their research groups who are not “U.S. persons” (with which a URO project does not help them).

2. Challenge: Uncertain funding due to possible sequestration.

   - DFAR 252.204-7000 draft revision is nine months late.
   - Last public comment opportunity was in Fall 2011.


5. Opportunity: Coordination of the CVRC with the URO.

6. Opportunity: Name change.