## V. POLICY MATTERS FOR DECISION ... (cont'd)

Matters recommended by the President (cont'd)

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### B. Proposal for the Establishment of the Advanced Technology Award

The Academic Distinction Program, a system of merit-based incentives intended to award outstanding academics and works of scholarship, was established in November 1999. Over the years, the components of the Program have increased to cover as wide a reach as possible of scholarly and creative work. To further expand the coverage of the Program, a new award, the Advanced Technology Award, is hereby proposed for establishment. The award aims to recognize concrete technological achievements of faculty, REPS and staff

Below are the implementing guidelines of the Award:

1 Purpose

The award recognizes pioneering technological achievements and innovations. The underlying goal is to encourage interest in creation and invention among faculty, REPS and staff

2. Eligibility

Full-time faculty, REPS, and staff whether individually or as a group, may be nominated for the award.

3. Scope of Award

A maximum of two (2) awards shall be given for a specific technological innovation in any discipline completed in the year preceding the award. Broadly defined, technological innovation includes any new or improved product, material, process, equipment or system of scientific or technical origin

## V. POLICY MATTERS FOR DECISION ... (cont'd)

Matters recommended by the President (cont'd)

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### B. Proposal for the Establishment ... (cont'd)

4. Value of Award

The award shall be given annually in the amount of P55,000, to be divided equally in the case of a group. In the case of co-developed output, only UP faculty, REPS and staff eligible for the award shall receive it. The award will be given during the annual Academic Distinction ceremony

5. Requirements

5.1 The candidates must submit a description of the entry, explaining its primary function and features:

- What it is, what it does, how it works
- Principles and theories involved
- How it compares with or improves on other current products/processes
- Current or possible future applications; potential impact on end-user

The write-up, while intended for a technically literate audience, should maintain a readable style as that of Scientific American, Science, Technology Review or similar publications.

## V. POLICY MATTERS FOR DECISION ... (cont'd)

Matters recommended by the President (cont'd)

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### B. Proposal for the Establishment ... (cont'd)

5.2 Documentary evidence to support the entry must be included, e.g. citations, testimonials from users, recommendations from experts, patents, patent applications, relevant publications.

6. Criteria

The basic criteria for evaluating entries include: scientific features and technical merit; pioneering nature; and applications and potential impact on end-user

7 Selection Process

7 1 Departments shall send their nominations to the Chancellor. The screening process shall be two-tiered. At the campus level, the Chancellor shall form a committee to:

- Screen out nominees whose innovations are weak or lacking in technical merit; and
- Prioritize all the rest.

7.2. The President shall create a System committee to recommend the recipients of the award. The committee (and the President) may interview the candidates and ask them to demonstrate their entries.

7.3. Faculty may be awarded only once for the same innovation but may qualify for another innovation.

## V. POLICY MATTERS FOR DECISION ... (cont'd)

Matters recommended by the President (cont'd)

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### B. Proposal for the Establishment ... (cont'd)

8. Deadline for Nominations

The Chancellor shall forward to the VPAA the list of candidates and the necessary documentation by 30 November

**Board action: Approval**

### C. Proposals Related to System Awards, Grants and Incentives Programs

I Background

During its 1137th meeting on 25 November 1999, the BOR established the Academic Distinction Fund and the Creative And Research Scholarship Fund. The funds aim to award outstanding academic and scholarly work through a system of merit-based incentives and recognize works of scholarship by providing incentives to strengthen research and publication by UP faculty

The two funds have since been converted to formal programs. Several components have been added covering more areas and modes of scholarship to further strengthen and institutionalize the incentives programs. In addition, programs for faculty development have also been established.