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From: Chris Cramer <cramer@>  
Subject: Re: Collaboration with Futurewei  
Date: September 21, 2018 at 12:39:25 CDT  
To: Georgios Giannakis <georgios@>  
Cc: Raechelle Drakeford <drakeford@>, Becky Wyatt  
<huntx043@>, Patrick Briscoe <bris0022@>

Thanks, Georgios. We have checked at the institutional level whether there was any intent to halt interactions with Huawei, and the message we got was clear that decisions would be left, at least for now, to individual colleges. While we see sponsored research as possibly being meriting further scrutiny, we consider unrestricted gifts not to raise any concerns, so no need to worry about continuing to move forward.

FYI, OIT and OVPR ARE moving forward to ensure that equipment from Huawei, ZTE, and some other suppliers is NOT linked in to UMN networks as a critical component as stipulated in the most recent Defense Authorization Act, so if the research that will be done using these gift funds might include such equipment, that may get trickier. But, there is a 2-year window for universities to comply (and during that time there will hopefully be more clarity than there is in the current authorization language with respect to what a “critical component” is, in any case).

Best,

Chris

On Sep 21, 2018, at 10:28, Raechelle Drakeford <drakeford@> wrote:  
Hello Georgios,

Thank you for the email and for keeping us in the loop. I think this all sounds fine.

See you on Tuesday at your office!  
Raechelle

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On Fri, Sep 21, 2018 at 10:17 AM, Georgios Giannakis <[georgios@](mailto:georgios@)> wrote:

Hi Chris and Raechelle

Earlier in the summer, I had discussed with Mos about the possibility of receiving an unrestricted gift from Huawei (Mos is not under cc just because I do not want to load his email, but I assume Chris will notify him, if needed).

Because there has been no fixed University policy on such projects/gifts with Huawei, we agreed with Mos for us to submit the proposal, and wait until the decision is made.

Well, the appended email indicates that the proposal we submitted a couple of weeks ago will be funded as a gift, and this email is to let you know about it.

I will fill their form (nothing harmful), and I will keep you in the loop if and when the funds of the gift come our way; pls let me know if I need to take any other step at this point.