UFC RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE ECORNELL AGREEMENT

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate Resolution of December 13, 2000, endorsed an agreement (dated 11/14/00) between Cornell University and Tower Innovative Learning Solutions (TILS), Inc., a New York State business corporation (for which Cornell is the sole shareholder and which is licensed to do business as “eCornell”; and

WHEREAS the aforementioned resolution carried a proviso that “The Senate should be informed of any future change of status… [including] …the expansion of the entity’s programs…”; and

WHEREAS the Rationale of the aforementioned resolution also mentions that “The current version of the agreement prohibits eCornell from offering courses that could receive Cornell credit”; and

WHEREAS many commercial and educational entities are marketing, producing and distributing online courses; and

WHEREAS Cornell University and TILS would like to amend the overarching agreement so that eCornell can compete with other online vendors; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendment does not authorize eCornell to offer its own for-credit courses or degrees but only allows the provision of its services to existing academic units that are already authorized to offer online course credit; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves the following amendment to the overarching agreement between Cornell University and Tower Innovative Learning Solutions, Inc.:

“University will retain eCornell on a non-exclusive basis to provide services in connection with credit-bearing distance learning courses as provided in a separate Administrative Support Services Agreement.”

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