

Any such organization, whether local or national, would assume all expense of securing patents, defending patents and commercially developing the same. It is the belief of the Secretary of the University of Kansas Endowment Association that the existing charter powers of that organization are ample to enable it to undertake the functions outlined in this report. It is also the Secretary's opinion that the Endowment Association would be willing to undertake to function in this field on the basis of a satisfactory agreement with the University authorities.

The Senate Advisory Committee therefore recommends that efforts be made to establish a working agreement between the University and the Endowment Association, whereby the latter will undertake the handling of the patenting and the commercial development of patentable discoveries and inventions made in the University of Kansas. It is further recommended that the Senate provide a special Committee of two to cooperate with the Chancellor in effecting the establishment of this working agreement with the Endowment Association.

In case the Endowment Association should undertake this work, the Advisory Committee recommends that in connection with each patentable discovery which may be brought to the attention of the Endowment Association a special committee should be appointed, consisting of those members of the University staff most conversant with the particular matter in hand. The function of such special committees would be to make careful investigation and report concerning the discovery in question, with a view to advising the Endowment Association.

In case the Endowment Association undertakes these functions, it is recommended that the Association retain the services of an experienced patent attorney residing within the region not far from Lawrence.

Respectfully submitted,

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