## Size, Organization and Purpose

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Organizational Chart

President Simon

Vice President and General Counsel Robert Noto

Deputy General Counsel  Associate General Counsels  Assistant General Counsels
Function

Almost everything . . .
◦ Litigation
◦ Employment Matters
◦ Student Matters
◦ Compliance – Research, Athletics, Privacy
◦ FOIA
◦ Leases and Property Purchases
◦ Contracts

OGC contacts outside counsel as needed

All bills to the University to pay attorneys are reviewed and approved by OGC.
OGC represents the University

- There are other lawyers on campus who do not act as the University’s attorneys

- Duty is to the University, not the individual

- Attorney-client privilege is on behalf of the University
Access to Counsel

When to Call

▪ Immediately if outside agency or authority shows up
▪ Any time contacted by a lawyer or receive legal papers
▪ Early in the process for anything that will need legal review or input
▪ Any time unsure

Who to Call

▪ Call one person
  ◦ We’ll get you to the right attorney
  ◦ Think about whether to call or write
What is a contract?

Assume everything is -

- Regardless of what it is called (MOU, Letter of Agreement, etc.)
- Especially if the work has started

“Meeting of the Minds”
Why get contracts reviewed?

▪ To get the deal you think you have made

▪ To minimize risk

▪ To be able to get your agreement properly signed
How do I get my contract reviewed?

- Purchasing
  For Goods and Services

- Office of Sponsored Programs or Business
  Connect For Research

- Office of the General Counsel or Business
  Connect
  For Service/Testing Agreements – includes Consulting
What do I have to do with a Contract?

Business Terms v. Legal Terms

People involved must also review the contract to make sure it actually describes the deal that they think they are making.
Questions?

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