Actions Taken by Universities to Address Growing Concerns about Security Threats and Undue Foreign Influence on Campus

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AAU and APLU are identifying and sharing practices that universities are employing to ensure the security of research, protect against intellectual property theft and academic espionage, and prevent actions or activities by foreign governments and/or other entities that seek to exert undue foreign influence or which infringe on core academic values (e.g. free speech, scientific integrity, etc.).

The associations recently conducted a survey asking campus representatives to provide examples of effective policies, practices, tools, and resources they are using and which other campuses may benefit from learning about as our universities collectively work to address ongoing and emerging foreign security threats. The following is a sample of some of the activities being pursued by universities, both existing activities in response to federal requirements and emerging activities in response to recent security concerns, in over 140 examples submitted by 39 institutions. We encourage all universities to review these examples and to consider implementing many of these practices on their own campuses as deemed appropriate to protect against security threats and undue foreign influence. Additional support collecting and summarizing these examples was provided by the American Council on Education (ACE) and the Council on Governmental Relations (COGR).

AWARENESS BUILDING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- *Distribution of campus-wide letters on safety and security to increase faculty awareness and remind the campus community of existing reporting requirements.*

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