



Robert L. Barchi, President

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Mr. Kenneth Swalagin  
University Senate  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
ASB III, Suite 110  
Cook/Douglass Campus

Dear Mr. Swalagin:

I write in response to the University Senate Report and Recommendations on Charge S-1505 on Implementing ORCID Identifiers, as proposed by the Senate's Research, and Graduate and Professional Education Committee (RGPEC) and adopted by the University Senate at its February 19, 2016 meeting.

I am persuaded of the value of issuing ORCID iDs both to individual researchers and the university, and I am pleased to accept the Senate's recommendations to become a member of the CIC ORCID consortium as a way of increasing the benefits of participation and reducing costs. Further, I support the establishment of an ORCID Implementation Working Group to propose a feasible implementation plan for Rutgers, and by copy of this letter am asking Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Barbara Lee to put such a group in place. The Working Group charge will be to address the specifics enumerated in the Senate resolution, and will include reporting back to the University Senate about the status of ORCID implementation in a timely fashion.

I appreciate the time and attention that the Senate committee has devoted to this issue, and I look forward to the development of an implementation plan specific to Rutgers' population and technical configurations.

Sincerely,

Robert Barchi

c: Barbara A. Lee, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs