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CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP & OUTREACH

Startup Grant Program – Addendum A

DATE: November 17th, 2017

SUBJECT: G0 – Startup Grant Program Guidelines

Purpose

The purpose of this addendum is to establish guidelines for limiting repeat startup pitches to VentureCatalyst stage review groups.

Definition

"Stage Review Group" – Any governing body appointed by the director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Outreach (E-Center) empowered to make funding decisions or recommendations on behalf of the program.

Policy

1. A startup team may pitch a maximum of three (3) times at each stage review group.
2. After the second attempt, up to one (1) additional pitch may be made only at the explicit invitation of the respective stage review group OR upon satisfactory written appeal letter addressed to the director of the E-Center.
3. Additional attempts will only be permitted with meaningful changes to the presentation. Repeat pitches with minimal or no changes to slides will not be permitted.
4. This policy does NOT preclude the startup team or any of its team members from pitching a different business opportunity in the future. Teams are strongly encouraged to pursue other opportunities through VentureCatalyst if they reach this limit.

Approval

This policy was presented to a quorum of the Entrepreneurship Center Advisory Board (ECAB) and approved in accordance with the operating procedures of the Thad Cochran Endowment for Entrepreneurship (TCEE).

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E-Center Advisory Board Member Date

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Eric Alan Hill Dir, Ctr for Entrep. & Outreach Date

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Dr. Sharon L. Oswald, Dean, College of Business Date