

Campus: Berkeley  
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ITEM FOR ACTION

ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF ENDOWED CHAIR, [BARSHAD], COLLEGE OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES, BERKELEY CAMPUS

The Chancellor recommends to the President that the establishment of an endowed chair, College of Natural Resources, Berkeley campus, be approved, and that the chair be named the **Betty and Isaac Barshad Chair in Soils Science**, contingent on establishment of an endowment of at least \$500,000 with The Regents for support of the chair.

BACKGROUND

The proposed Betty and Isaac Barshad Chair in Soils Science, College of Natural Resources, Berkeley campus, would be supported by an endowment of \$1,242,070 to be held and invested by The Regents of the University of California.

On May 25, 2004, the University received a bequest distribution in the amount of \$1,242,070 from the Isaac Barshad Trust to support the establishment of a chair in soils science at the Berkeley campus.

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\* Action will be released to the public by the campus immediately following the President's action.

Issac Barshad was born in 1913 in pre-state Israel and immigrated to the United States as a young man to join a brother living in New York. Soon afterwards, he set off for U.C. Berkeley where he earned a B.S. (Agricultural Science) in 1936; an M.S. (Soil Science) in 1939; and a PhD. (Soil Science) in 1944 under legendary professor Eugene Hilgard. Professor Hilgard pioneered the academic field of soil science.

Professor Barshad studied the composition of soils throughout Europe and, as the recipient of the prestigious Guggenheim Fellowship in 1955, spent three years exploring the terrain of ancient Pompeii. He devoted his entire teaching career to the University's Department of Plant and Soil Biology, now part of the Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management. It was in Berkeley where Professor Barshad met and married his late wife, Betty.

The Betty and Isaac Barshad Chair in Soils Science would support the teaching and research activity, relating to soil science, of a distinguished faculty member in the College of Natural Resources.

Payout from the chair endowment would be made available annually to the chair holder in support of teaching and research in accordance with University Policy. Chair appointments are determined by campus guidelines.

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In keeping with University policy, the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate has been consulted regarding the establishment of this chair.