

August 3, 1995

THE VICE CHANCELLOR CAROL CHRIST
DEAN GORDON RAUSSER

Re: Proposed Regents' Agenda Item

We are submitting for your review a Regents' Item to be presented at the September 14 meeting recommending the establishment and naming of the Rudy Grah Chair in Forestry and Sustainable Development.

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C. D. Mote, Jr.
Vice Chancellor - University Relations

Enclosures

cc: John Cummins
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PROPOSED REGENTS AGENDA ITEM

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
BERKELEY CAMPUS

Item No.

Drafted: M. Hoole 8/2/95

Committee on Educational Policy
Consent Agenda
Item for Action
Closed Session*

Revised: _____

Approved: _____

Approved by the Chancellor: _____

TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY:

ITEM FOR ACTION

For Meeting of September 14, 1995

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

The President recommends that the Committee on Educational Policy recommend to The Regents that the establishment of an endowed chair, College of Natural Resources, Berkeley campus, be approved, and that the chair be named the Rudy Grah Chair in Forestry and Sustainable Development, contingent upon establishment of an endowment of at least \$400,000 with the University of California, Berkeley Foundation for support of the Chair and contingent on receipt of a binding commitment from the Foundation that it will pay to The Regents the income held and invested by the Foundation.

*Action to be released to the public immediately following the meeting of the Board.

BACKGROUND

The proposed Chair, to be named the Rudy Grah Chair in Forestry and Sustainable Development, College of Natural Resources, Berkeley campus, would be supported by an endowment of at least \$400,000 to be held and invested by the University of California, Berkeley Foundation. Contingent on approval of the Chair by The Regents, the endowment would be funded with gifts and pledges received through a fundraising campaign authorized by the Chancellor in late 1988. The campaign is being reinvigorated through a stronger relationship with key alumni volunteers encouraged by the College's support of the forestry program through faculty recruitments, a revised curriculum, and space allocation. The chair endowment had a value of \$300,837 as of May 31, 1995, including outright gifts and allocations from other funds totalling approximately \$228,000, reinvested income, and appreciation. This phase of the campaign is seeking additional contributions of at least \$100,000 by the end of 1996 and is being conducted under the direction of the Dean of the College of Natural Resources and the Vice Chancellor-University Relations with the assistance of volunteers including Richard Beahrs, Professor Rudolf Grah's nephew. The campaign is being financed directly from unrestricted funds of the College.

Rudolf F. Grah (1915-1978) earned a master's degree in forestry from the Berkeley campus in 1941. He served as Assistant Extension Forester, lecturer, professor, and from 1974-78 as Chair of the undergraduate Department of Forestry and Resource Management and graduate Department of Forestry and Conservation. In 1974 he played an instrumental role in the formation of the College of Natural Resources. Through his research in North and South America, teaching, and publications, Professor Grah advanced the concepts of sustainable development, agroforestry, cooperative forest management, and global forest-environmental relations.

The proposed Chair would advance study and research and promote innovative solutions to resource management problems through the College's forestry program in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management and the new Berkeley Center for Sustainable Resource Development. Additional support would come from the Rudy Grah Memorial Agroforestry Collection, the finest library collection of its kind in North America.

Income from the Chair endowment would be transferred to The Regents to be made available to the Chair holder in support of teaching and research in accordance with University policy.

Salary support and FTE would be provided by the College of Natural Resources. In keeping with policy, the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate has been consulted concerning establishment of this Chair.