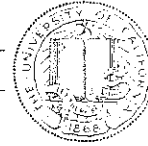


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Vice President Bruce B. Darling
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Dear Bruce:

The Berkeley campus is pleased to transmit for approval by President Atkinson a proposal to establish and name the Hildebrand-Laumeister Chair in Plant Pathology.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Berdahl
Chancellor

cc: Director Barber
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Campus: Berkeley
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Date: March 10, 1999

ITEM FOR ACTION

ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF ENDOWED CHAIR [HILDEBRAND-
LAUMEISTER], COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, BERKELEY CAMPUS

The Chancellor recommends to the President that the establishment of an endowed chair for the College of Natural Resources, Berkeley campus, be approved, and that the chair be named the Hildebrand-Laumeister Chair in Plant Pathology, based on the establishment of an endowment of \$500,000 with The Regents for support of the Chair.

BACKGROUND

The proposed Hildebrand-Laumeister Chair in Plant Pathology, College of Natural Resources, Berkeley campus, would be supported by an endowment of \$500,000 to be held and invested by The Regents. In 1988, Frank Hildebrand and his sister-in-law, Helen Laumeister Baker, pledged \$125,000 each to establish the Hildebrand-Laumeister Fund for support of the Department of Plant Pathology. They intended that once the pledged amount of \$250,000 was reached, one half of the income from the fund would be added to principal until the fund reached the

minimum of \$400,000 needed at that time to endow a chair. By January 31, 1999 the market value of the fund had reached \$555,000 to support the Hildebrand-Laumeister Chair in Plant Pathology in the College of Natural Resources.

The Hildebrand-Laumeister Fund was established by Frank Hildebrand and his sister-in-law Helen Laumeister Baker, now both deceased, "...in honor and memory of August Hildebrand, Herman Laumeister, Irma Laumeister Hildebrand, Helen Laumeister Baker, Frank Hildebrand and their families, pioneers of Oregon, Idaho and California." The Hildebrands and Laumeisters came to the United States in the 1880s from Germany, where they were flour millers. Frank Hildebrand was born in Oregon in 1898 and attended Oregon State University. He married Irma Laumeister from Idaho, and they had one son, Donald, who came to the Berkeley campus in 1956 to pursue graduate studies. Donald received his Ph.D. in plant pathology from the Berkeley campus in 1962, and stayed at Berkeley as a researcher until his retirement in 1992. Following Irma Laumeister Hildebrand's death in 1973, her husband Frank and her sister, Helen Laumeister Baker, decided to honor both of their families by establishing a chair at Berkeley. Both families had a strong interest in education, and because of Donald's lifetime interest in plant pathology, they established the fund that would become a chair in plant pathology. As plant pathology programs now exist in more than one division of the College of Natural Resources, the chair will be administered by the Dean of the College.

The payout will be expended for the support of research, teaching and public service activities, with particular emphasis upon systematics of plant pathogenic organisms and the support of the International Collection of Phyto-Pathogenic Bacteria, in accordance with the donors' wishes.

Income from the chair endowment would be made available to the Chair holder in support of teaching and research in accordance with University policy. The holder of the chair shall have the discretion to add any or all unexpended income to the principal of the chair. Chair appointments would be determined by campus guidelines.

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