

Campus: Berkeley
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ITEM FOR ACTION

ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF ENDOWED CHAIR, [RUSTICI], 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 **Russell L. Rustici Chair in Rangeland Management**, contingent on establishment of an endowment of \$1,000,000 with the University of California, Berkeley Foundation for support of the chair and contingent on a binding commitment from the Foundation that it will distribute to The Regents the payout from the chair endowment held and invested by the Foundation.

BACKGROUND

The proposed Russell L. Rustici Chair in Rangeland Management, College of Natural Resources, Berkeley campus, would be supported by an endowment of \$1,000,000 to be held and invested by the University of California, Berkeley Foundation.

On December 10, 2004, the University of California, Berkeley Foundation received an outright gift in the amount of \$1,000,000

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

from Mr. Russell Rustici to support the establishment of a chair in rangeland management at the Berkeley campus.

Russell L. Rustici earned a B.S. (Civil Engineering) in 1948 from the Berkeley campus. He attended Lowell High School in San Francisco. For many years, Mr. Rustici was a rancher in Lake County, CA. He loved cattle ranching and has a keen appreciation for the ecology and management of rangelands. Mr. Rustici is a district director for the California Cattleman Association, which represents the state's beef cattle industry in legislative and regulatory affairs. In addition, he sits on the board of directors for the Lake County Water Resources Division in the Clear Lake area. The division is dedicated to improving the community's use and understanding of Lake County's watersheds, natural resources, lakes and rivers. Mr. Rustici's sister, Corrine, also attended the Berkeley campus earning a B.S. (Food & Nutrition) in 1946. Mr. Rustici and Corrine have also created a \$8.4M charitable remainder trust that will ultimately benefit the Nutritional Science Programs at both U.C. Berkeley and U.C. Davis.

The Russell L. Rustici Chair in Rangeland Management would support the research, teaching and outreach activities of a faculty member of the highest academic and professional caliber, in advancing the study of rangeland management by focusing on the productive use of rangelands and promoting the viability and

sustainability of the domestic livestock industry, in the College of Natural Resources.

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

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