COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PERSONNEL

April 6, 2015

To: Jose Wudka
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Linda Walling, Chair
Committee on Academic Personnel

Re: The Urban Entomology Endowed Presidential Chair

At its meeting on March 30, 2015, CAP reviewed the documents supporting the Urban Entomology Endowed Presidential Chair. CAP was enthusiastic about the establishment of this Endowed Chair and voted in favor of the proposal +9-0-0. However, CAP expressed concern with the second sentence under section E of background information finding it to be ambiguous and too narrowly defined.

I. Background Information
   E. Proposed use(s): To advance the mission of the college. A portion of the endowment payout will be used to provide the appointed chair holder a scholarly allowance to support research and teaching. Also, a portion of the endowment payout will also be used to support faculty salary and/or graduate fellowships in the chair holder’s department.

The current language does not demonstrate if the chair holder has the ability to make the decision if a portion of the endowed payout will be used to support faculty salary and/or graduate fellowships in the chair holder’s department. CAP strongly believes this determination should be at the discretion of the chair holder and noted in the policy.

In addition, CAP found the designation for support of graduate fellowships in the chair holder’s department to be too narrowly defined. CAP recommends the use of broader language as several graduate students are part of interdepartmental and intercollege programs.