April 9, 2015

To: Jose Wudka
    Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Linda Walling, Chair
      Committee on Academic Personnel

Re: The Marian & Rosemary Bourns Presidential Chair in Engineering

At its meeting on April 8, 2015, CAP reviewed the documents supporting the Marian & Rosemary Bourns Presidential Chair in Engineering. CAP was enthusiastic about the establishment of this Presidential Chair and voted in favor of the proposal +10-0-0. However, CAP expressed concern with the sentence under section D of background information finding it to be ambiguous and too narrowly defined.

I. Background Information
   D. Proposed use(s): To advance the mission of UCR and the Bourns College of Engineering. Payout from the Chair Funds will be used to provide a scholarly allowance for the chair holder, as well as support for faculty salaries and/or graduate fellowships in the chair holder’s department. The chair holder will have ties to the Bourns College of Engineering.

The current language does not demonstrate if the chair holder has the ability to make the decision if the scholarly allowance 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.