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To: Jose Wudka, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Ken Baerenklau, Chair   
Committee on Educational Policy

RE: CEP Review of Proposed Endowed Chairs

The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed the endowed chair proposals for the Campbell President Chair for Innovation in Science Education, Endowed Deans' Chair in the SoM, Logistics Team Presidential Chair in Supply Chain Management, Maimonides Endowed Chair in Jewish Studies, and Wilbur Mayhew Endowed Chair in Geo-Ecology. The Committee unanimously voted to support all of the endowed chair proposals and does not anticipate any negative impacts on Undergraduate Education as a result of the proposals.

However, as Chair, I would like to point out some concerns that are not directly related to undergraduate education but are still worth noting. First, the SoM and Maimonides proposals do not require annual reports, and make no mention of term limits. Second, the SoM proposal relies on an anticipated real estate sale in 2015, which seems tenuous. Last, the research activities for the Logistics Team Endowed Chair may create the impression that they lack intellectual autonomy, particularly if published research supports the economic interests of the firm funding the endowment. A statement ensuring intellectual autonomy would be beneficial.