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To: Jose Wudka  
Chair, Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Linda Walling, Chair  
Committee on Academic Personnel

Re: Logistics Team Presidential Chair in Supply Chain Management

CAP reviewed the documents supporting the Logistics Team Presidential Chair in Supply Chain Management. As presented, CAP is unable to make a recommendation on the proposal and respectfully requests the following concerns be addressed:

CAP feels the submission of the request to establish the Logistics Team Presidential Chair in Supply Chain Management is premature and suggests the proposal be put on hold until funds are secured (2018).

There was some concern that the Endowed Chair’s research activities may have a limited scope. The guidelines for the Establishment, Administration and Appointment of Faculty as Endowed Chairs explicitly states that “the endowed chair definition should be broad enough to allow new research directions and ensure as broad a candidate pool as possible”. CAP suggests the breadth of the research area that will be supported by the Endowed Chair be included in the proposal.

There was general concern that since Logistics Team is providing the generous funding for this endowment that there will be a focus on the economic interests of this firm. CAP suggests the agreement explicitly state the Chair’s research activities have intellectual autonomy.