



Committee on Planning & Budget

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To: Jose Wudka
Chair, Riverside Division Academic Senate

Fr: Kenneth Barish
Chair, Committee on Planning and Budget

Re: Review of the Proposal to establish a Logistics Team Presidential Chair in Supply Chain Management

The Committee on Planning and Budget discussed at length the proposal to establish a Logistics Team Presidential Chair in Supply Chain Management.

There was considerable discussion and appreciation of the effort of the School of Business Administration to raise its profile in the area and to leverage the existing logistics base already established in the Inland Empire. The committee also understands that alignment with the logistics industry is in accord with the SOBA strategic plan.

However, there was concern about the lack of information about the donor and background story of the spirit with which this donation is being made. There also is concern of the campus aligning itself with an industry whose impact in the area is debatable. It is understood that environmental impact considerations are outside of the purview of the Committee on Planning & Budget, however the Committee would like assurance that there is complete academic independence in our curricula and course development related to logistics and supply chain management, and that creation of this Endowed Chair will not be an indicator of UCR support for other projects Mr. Lin may be associated with and which may be opposed to by the community.

Upon inquiry, the School of Business Administration clarified that it has been developing a relationship with Mr. Lin, a successful entrepreneur in supply chain management, with philanthropic intentions. It's also important to note that Mr. Lin does not appear to have any relationship to the Moreno Valley Logistics Center.

Given the input provided by SOBA, the Committee is satisfied that the donor is not related to the very contentious Moreno Valley center, however would like assurance of the research and curricular autonomy before submitting its support and vote.