December 9, 2014

To: Jose Wudka  
Chair, Riverside Division Academic Senate

Fr: Kenneth Barish  
Chair, Committee on Planning and Budget

Re: Review of the Proposal to Establish the Wilbur W. Mayhew Endowed Chair in Geo-Ecology

The Committee of Planning and Budget has reviewed the proposal to establish the Wilbur W. Mayhew Endowed Chair in Geo-Ecology and is unable to support the proposal as submitted.

Because of the ambiguity of the donor and donation process the Committee requests a letter of endorsement from the Mayhew family. If that is not possible, the Committee requests information about the relationship between the Geo Ecology Institute and the UC Natural Reserve System. This is of import to note given that the Chairship is being named in honor of one of the founders of the UC Natural Reserve System, and yet the Endowed Chair is going to Geo-Ecology rather than the NRS.