March 7, 2011

Gretchen Bolar, Vice Chancellor
Finance and Business Operations

Dear Gretchen,

Re: Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Chair in Computer Science

The Committee on Academic Personnel, Planning and Budget, Graduate Council and Educational Policy have reviewed the proposal for the Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Chair in Computer Science. I am pleased to inform you that all the committees support the proposal.

I hope the work of the Committees is of help to you in securing this wonderful gift for UCR.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Gauvain, Chair
Riverside Division

Attachments

Cc: Dallas Rabenstein, Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost
    Reza Abbaschian, Dean, BCOE
    Peter Hayashida, Vice Chancellor, University Advancement
February 25, 2011

TO: MARY GAUVAINE, CHAIR
RIVERSIDE DIVISION

FM: Y. PETER CHUNG, CHAIR
PLANNING AND BUDGET

RE: Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Term Chair in Computer Science
    – Revised 2-25-2011

The Planning and Budget Committee reviewed the above Term Chair in Computer Science and approved it unanimously.
February 23, 2011

TO: MARY GAUVAIN, CHAIR
ACADEMIC SENATE

FR: MORRIS MADURO, CHAIR
GRADUATE COUNCIL

RE: AMRIK SINGH POONIAN ENDOWED TERM CHAIR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

The Graduate Council has considered the request for approval of the Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Term Chair in Computer Science. We approve of the request.

However, we would like to draw the attention of the Executive Council to the letter from Chancellor Tim White to Duane Roberts, elected member of the UCR Foundation Board of Trustees. In his letter Dr. White thanks Roberts for his taking time to discuss the aforementioned Endowed Term Chair and for contributing his “precious resources in support of [UCR’s] research, teaching and service mission.” It is of course appropriate to thank a contributor for such a generous donation. However, toward the end of the letter Dr. White mentions moving forward with a plan to have Casey’s Cupcakes [sic] prepared and delivered to UCR. Mr. Roberts is co-owner (with his wife and daughter) of the Casey’s Cupcakes bakery¹. While it may have been convenient for Dr. White to discuss this additional business in the letter, it left an impression of quid quo pro.

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February 10, 2011

To: Mary Gauvain  
Chair, Riverside Division Academic Senate

Fr: Rise Axelrod  
Chair, Committee on Academic Personnel

Re: Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Chair in BCOE

CAP has reviewed the endowment package and supports the Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Term Chair in Computer Science, assuming the $750,000 (Establishment of Funds - 1.1) required to be raised by the University has been realized.
February 11, 2011

TO:  MARY GAUVAINE, CHAIR
     ACADEMIC SENATE

FR:     JOSE WUDKA, CHAIR
         COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

RE:  RESPONSE ON AMRIK SINGH POONIAN ENDOWED TERM CHAIR

The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed the Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Term Chair proposal at its February 4 meeting and unanimously agreed to approve (11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions). The CEP believes that the flexibility inherent to the proposal will allow the Computer Sciences program to enhance its visibility, and attract and retain faculty of the highest caliber. We understand that the remainder of the fundraising will have no direct impact on general funds.
February 11, 2010

TO: MARY GAUVAIN, CHAIR
    RIVERSIDE DIVISION

FM: Y. PETER CHUNG, CHAIR
    PLANNING AND BUDGET

RE: Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Term Chair in Computer Science

On February 10th, the Planning and Budget Committee reviewed the documentation for the naming of the Amrik Singh Poonian endowed chair in computer science. We noted that the request for review is a bit awkward since the file contains a letter from Chancellor White to the donor of the $250,062.50 assuring that the chair will be named and occupied and that the donor will be receiving reports on the research that results. Thus, we judge that, despite some concerns about the proposed chair, it would be impossible to recommend not moving forward at this time.

Nevertheless, we have two substantive concerns about the proposal. First, in the original agreement, dated 15 Sept 2000, UCR appears to have pledged to raise $750,000 matching money to combine with the $250,000 provided by the donor to create a $1,000,000 endowment fund. But there is no record of the University generating any funds to support this chair. We are concerned that this is less than a good faith execution of the original agreement. Second, according to the “UCR Policy and Procedures for Establishment and Administration of Endowed Chairs” adopted in 2006, the minimum endowment for an endowed chair is $500,000. According to the documents presented for review, the current value of the $250,062.50 provided in four installments between 1998 and 2003 is estimated to be only $396,000. This is at least $104,000 shy of the minimum amount required by policy for establishment of this chair.

Since it would be extremely awkward to stop the naming of this chair at this point, we recommend that the Chancellor task the University Development staff to make raising at least $104,000 in additional funding for this chair a top priority. If raising this additional funding requires a major gift from another donor, we would support having the chair renamed to include the name of the new benefactor.
January 12, 2011

Chair Gauvain
Academic Senate

RE: Campus Naming Committee – Endowed Term Chair Naming Opportunity

Dear Mary:

As Chair Designee of the UCR Committee on Naming Campus Properties, Programs and Facilities, I am requesting the review and approval by the Academic Senate Executive Council for this naming opportunity.

- Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Term Chair in Computer Science has been recommended by the Dean, Bourns College of Engineering, Reza Abbaschian.

Please review the attached request and gift agreement. This proposed name needs approval by the Academic Senate before it is endorsed by the Campus Naming Committee. Please respond with your recommendation by Friday January 28, 2011.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gretchen Bolar
Vice Chancellor

Attachments

xc: Vice Chancellor Hayashida
    Dean Abbaschian
    Assistant Vice Chancellor Smith
    Executive Director Ehlers
    Assistant Dean Parker
    Campus Space Manager Pippert
Date: December 20, 2010

To: Gretchen Bolar, Vice Chancellor of Financial & Business Operations

Cc: Peter Hayashida, Vice Chancellor of University Advancement
    Reza Abbaschian, Dean, Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE)
    Linda Parker, Assistant Dean of Development, BCOE

From: Zachary A. Smith, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Development

Subject: Amrik Singh Poonian Naming for Endowed Term Chair in Computer Science; for review by the UCR Academic Senate

Dear Gretchen,

In accordance with the approved UCR Policy for Naming Campus Properties, Academic and Non-academic Programs, and Facilities, I am forwarding the Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Term Chair in Computer Science naming packet for your review.

This packet includes:

- Initial Request for Approval to Name/Establish an Endowed Term Chair
- Executed Gift Agreement signed by the donor (Duane Roberts and his business, Entrepreneurial Investment Corporations), Pamela Hillman, Vice Chancellor of Development, and David Warren, Executive Vice Chancellor
- Letter from Chancellor White to Duane Roberts confirming his agreement to use the endowed funds for a term chair in computer science
- Background information on the Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Term Chair

Please copy me on any memos and/or responses regarding this request. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, feel free to contact me at extension 26302

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Zachary A. Smith, Ph.D.
Assistant Vice Chancellor of Development

Attachment
INITIAL REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO NAME/ESTABLISH AN ENDOWED CHAIR

This form is to help review gifts for compliance with academic plans and priorities, and to facilitate campus review procedures for namings.

Upon completion of this request form, the Dean/Unit Head forwards it for signature to the Associate Vice Chancellor, Development and Vice Chancellor, University Advancement. The Associate Vice Chancellor, Development or designee will submit the request, with draft gift agreement and supporting documentation to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning & Budget for campus review. If approved for recommendation, the EVC&P’s Office follows the appropriate procedure for Endowed Chairs.

I. Background Information:
   A. Submitted by:
      Name: Reza Abbaschian
      Title, College/Unit: Dean, Bourns College of Engineering
   B. Type of Gift and Comments:
      ➢ Endowed Chair/Distinguished Professorship: Endowed Term Chair
      ➢ Location of FTE: Bourns College of Engineering
   C. Proposed name (if any, involving gift): Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Term Chair in Computer Science
      Honorific naming (no gift involved):
   D. Proposed use(s): To advance the mission of the Department of Computer Science & Engineering

II. Academic Information: (please attach explanation)
   A. Academic Justification: Explain how the proposed gift or endowment fits into the College/Unit’s Academic Plan.

   The Bourns College of Engineering, in accordance with UCR policy, will establish the Poonian Endowed Term Chair to further instruction in computer science.

   The Computer Science & Engineering Department breaks boundaries through cross-disciplinary research and integrated, interdisciplinary educational programs. An Endowed Term Chair connected to this department will enhance the college’s national visibility and stature, and be invaluable in recruiting and retaining faculty of distinction. For maximum academic flexibility, the Poonian Endowed Term Chair may be filled by a tenure track appointment, tenured appointment, temporary appointment for a specific period of time, or a series of temporary appointments.

   B. Resources: Describe the resources that will be necessary to support the proposed Chair (e.g., FTE and other funding.) Please refer to the College/Unit Academic Plan as appropriate.
No additional resources are needed. This is existing FTE in the college. Distribution from the endowed fund will be available to the chair holder in support of his/her teaching, research, and service activities according to a budget recommended annually and approved by the dean. The chair endowment will be administered in accordance with the UCR Policy and Procedures on Endowed Chairs: Establishment, Administration, and Appointment of Faculty. The total return earned by the endowment in excess of the amount approved annually for spending will be returned to the Fund’s principal to help it grow. Unused distribution from a previous year may be combined with that of the current year for spending purposes, or added to the Fund’s principal.

III. Contribution Information:
   A. Total amount of private funds expected to be committed (or being discussed):
      As of 06/30/10, the current market value of the funds received from Entrepreneurial Investment Corporation for the Poonian Chair was approximately $396,000.00
   B. Form of private contribution(s):
      X Outright Gifts:
      The following funds were received from Duane R. Roberts and Entrepreneurial Investment Corporation:
      $109,875  12/22/98
      $ 68,250  12/20/00
      $  62.50  10/29/03
      $  71,875  10/29/03
      $250,062.50
      Written Pledge (Expected beginning date/ Fulfillment Date:
      C. Initial contribution/pledge payment expected
      D. Source(s) of private contribution(s):
         Donor(s)                              Amount(s)
         Duane R. Roberts and 
         Entrepreneurial Investment Corporation  $250,062.50
      E. Will this gift/pledge be anonymous, without publicity? ☐Yes  ☑No
IV. College/UCR/UC Commitment:
   A. Will any additional college, campus-wide or system-wide resources be sought/required (e.g., space, special facilities, equipment, etc.)? How will they be funded? **No additional resources will be required.**
   B. If Endowed Chair or Professorship, is this a New FTE X Existing FTE? If new, please give reference to your Academic Plan: ________________

V. College/Unit/Faculty/Academic Senate Consultation
This naming has been reviewed by and received approval from the Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost affected by the named chair.

Submitted by:

[Signatures of individuals and dates]

December 1, 2010  
Date

Peter Hayashida, Vice Chancellor, University Advancement  
12/14/10  
Date

Joel Musson, Associate Vice Chancellor, Development  
12/14/10  
Date

Jan Wildman, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Advancement Administration  
12/9/2010  
Date
GIFT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
Duane R. Roberts and Entrepreneurial Investment Corporation
AND THE UC RIVERSIDE FOUNDATION

Duane R. Roberts and Entrepreneurial Investment Corporation (Donors) pledge irrevocably to
give the UC Riverside Foundation, a California non profit corporation, with the conditions and
purposes contained in this document, $250,000 as a lead gift to help the Bourns College of
Engineering establish the Amrik Singh Poonian Chair in Computer Science. An initial
contribution in the amount of approximately $112,000 was made on December 18, 1998. The
balance is to be paid by Donors in approximately two equal installments in 2000 and 2001.

1.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDS

1.1 Subject to approval through the appropriate policy and procedure of the University of
California, Riverside, and the Regents of the University of California, the Chair will be
named the Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Chair in Computer Science. The Chair will be
supported by an endowment of $1,000,000, $250,000 from the Donors with the
additional balance of $750,000 to be raised by the University.

1.2 The unpaid balance of the total amount of the pledge, if any, which has not been satisfied
at Donors’ death shall be binding on Donors’ estate.

2.0 PURPOSE AND USE OF ENDOWMENT

2.1 The expendable distribution from this endowment will provide support for an endowed
chair in Computer Science under the direction of the Dean, Bourns College of
Engineering. Payout from the chair endowment will be transferred to The Regents and be
made available to the chair holder in support of teaching and research, in accordance with
University policy.

2.2 If, in the judgement of the Chancellor, the designated use of endowment payout is
impractical or impossible, then the Chancellor will review alternative uses of the
endowed fund with the Donors if possible. Any change in the designation of this gift
must be consistent with Donors’ interests and intentions.

2.3 Until the minimum funding level of $1,000,000 is reached, the expendable distribution
can be used by the Dean, Bourns College of Engineering, to support faculty in Computer
Science.
3.0 ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

3.1 The chair endowment will be administered in accordance with the UC Policy on Endowed Chairs and Professorships and the Administrative Guidelines and Procedures: Endowed Chairs and Professorships.

3.2 The Fund’s expendable distribution will be determined from time-to-time under the terms of the Endowment Expenditure Policy established by the Foundation.

Total return earned by the Fund in excess of the amount approved for distribution shall be retained in the Fund principal to protect the Fund from the effects of inflation and to allow for growth. Any unexpended distribution from the previous year may be combined with that of the current year for spending purposes or added to the Chair Fund principal. The principal of the Fund may be combined with other Funds for investment purposes.

3.3 Fiduciary responsibility for governance and investment of this endowment is vested in the UC Riverside Foundation Board of Trustees.

3.4 Administrative and gift fees shall be assessed in accordance with University of California, Riverside policy.

Donor: Duane R. Roberts

Date: 9/15/00

Donor: Entrepreneurial Investment Corporation
Duane R. Roberts, Chairman & CEO

Date: 9/15/00

Pamela Hillman
Vice Chancellor for Development

Date: 9/7/00

David H. Warren
Executive Vice Chancellor

Date: 9/7/10
September 22, 2010

Mr. Duane Roberts  
1 Camel Point Dr  
Laguna Beach CA 92651-6988

Dear Duane:

As always, it was a pleasure speaking with you last week and I truly enjoyed hearing positive business news from one of our own.

Thank you for making time to discuss the Amarik Singh Poonian Chair in Computer Science. I am pleased that you are in full agreement with our plan of using this endowment as a term chair in Computer Science. It will allow us put your precious resources to work in support of our research, teaching, and service mission.

As we discussed, the Dean of the Bourns College of Engineering Reza Abbaschian will appoint an accomplished member of his Computer Science faculty to hold this prestigious endowed term chair. Furthermore, we will ensure that you are fully briefed on the faculty member’s research and its implications regularly and in a timely manner.

Duane, your generosity and leadership have been so crucial to the success of our community. The legacy of accomplishments and contributions you continue to make in Riverside is an inspiring testament to the power of savvy business sense, hard work, and an entrepreneurial spirit.

I also spoke with Vice Chancellor Sandoval, to whom campus dining reports, about the notion of having Casey’s Cupcakes prepared and delivered here, and sold in various venues around campus. He will be in contact with your general manager, Jim McCullough, to get us moving on this.

Your UCR family is grateful for your and Kelly’s commitment to our campus.

Warmest regards,

Timothy P. White  
Chancellor

cc: Dean Reza Abbaschian  
Jim Sandoval
Background Information on the Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Term Chair

On December 22, 1998, Duane R. Roberts, Chairman and CEO of Entrepreneurial Investment Corporation and owner of Riverside’s Historic Mission Inn, pledged $250,000 to establish the Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Chair in Computer Science at UCR in honor of his late friend and business associate. Mr. Poonian, a native of India, moved to Southern California in 1984 and worked for American Diversified Savings and then for Digital Equipment Corporation before beginning his own company. In 1986, Mr. Poonian founded Telecom Solution, Inc., now iBASEt, located in Lake Forest, California. He directed the company’s expansion into one of the fastest growing technology firms in Southern California before his sudden death in November 1998 at the age of 50.

Today, iBASEt is a leading provider of high-tech software solutions and services. The company has two divisions: Solumina and Federal Systems Division (FSD). FSD has a distinguished record supporting requirements for NAVAIR, SPAWAR, NSWC, Air Force, Marines, NASA, CENTCOM, and other agencies. iBASEt’s Solumina Division pioneered the first image-based work instruction delivery and data capture system in the complex assembly, aerospace and defense markets. iBASEt’s Solumina Operations Process Management solution is targeted at Manufacturing Engineering, Process Planning, Plant Floor Execution and Quality Management and provides a paperless connection between product engineering, ERP and the plant floor. Users report Solumina has significantly improved productivity, throughput, and provided millions of dollars in annual cost savings. Solumina customers include industry leaders like General Dynamics, BWX Technologies, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and United Technologies.

Duane Roberts is a well-respected entrepreneur and community philanthropist. Originally from Riverside, California, Duane entered the business world following the example of his parents, Harry E. and Mary S. Roberts. Their hard work and the ethical treatment of business associates and customers impressed their son and they instilled in him the importance of contributing to the welfare of others, patriotism and civic consciousness. Mr. Robert’s wife, Kelly Roberts, has enjoyed a significant level of success as well, and together, the husband and wife team make for a formidable partnership.