January 19, 2011

TO:  Ameae M. Walker (Biomedical Sciences), Vice Chair
     Daniel Ozer (Psychology), Secretary/Parliamentarian
     Rise B. Axelrod (English), Academic Personnel (CAP)
     Paulo Chagas (Music), Academic Computing & Information Technology
     Peter Chung (AGSM), Planning and Budget (P&B)
     Steven Clark (Psychology), Undergraduate Admissions
     Jay Farrell (Electrical Engineering), BCOE Executive Committee
     Christine Gailey (Women’s Studies), Committee on Committees (COC)
     John Ganim (English), Physical Resources Planning (PRP)
     Gerhard Gierz (Mathematics), Preparatory Education
     J. Daniel Hare (Entomology), Faculty Welfare (FW)
     David Herzberger (Hispanic Studies), CHASS Executive Committee
     Morris Maduro (Biology), Graduate Council/CCGA Representative
     Manuela Martins-Green (Cell Biology), Diversity & Equal Opportunity (CODEO)
     Thomas Morton (Chemistry), Junior Assembly Representative
     David R. Parker (Environmental Sciences) CNAS Executive Committee
     David S. Pion-Berlin (Political Science), Committee on Research (COR)
     Melanie Sperling (GSOE), GSOE Executive Committee
     Daniel S. Straus (Biomedical Sciences), Biomed Executive Committee
     Albert Wang (Electrical Engineering), Senior Assembly Representative
     Jose Wudka (Physics), Educational Policy (CEP)
     ___ AGSM Executive Committee

FR:  Mary Gauvain, Chair
     Riverside Division

RE:  Executive Council Agenda, January 24, 2011

This is to confirm the meeting of the Executive Council on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 1:10 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Room 145 University Office Building. Please note change in venue.
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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2011

PRESENT:
Mary Gauvain (Psychology), Chair
Ameae M. Walker (Biomedical Sciences), Vice Chair
Daniel Ozer (Psychology), Secretary/Parliamentarian
Paulo Chagas (Music), Academic Computing & Information Technology
Jay Farrell (Electrical Engineering), BCOE Executive Committee
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ABSENT:
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Peter Chung (AGSM), Planning and Budget (P&B)
Steven Clark (Psychology), Undergraduate Admissions
John Ganim (English), Physical Resources Planning (PRP)
Manuela Martins-Green (Cell Biology), CODEO
David S. Pion-Berlin (Political Science), Committee on Research (COR)
Chair, SoBA Executive Committee

AGENDA:
The agenda for January 10, 2011 and the minutes from the November 8, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

The Conflict of Interest Statements for the Library and the International Education committees were accepted as written.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR:
Chair Mary Gauvain indicated that she attended two Academic Council meetings since the Executive Council last met and the following were the highlights:

At the November 22, 2010 meeting, the main focus of discussion was the Post-Employment Benefits. At that meeting, Council also discussed the issue of streamlining major pre-requisites to
ease problems for transfer students. It was reported that the first couple of meetings of Mathematics and Biology faculty have taken place and it has been found that there is a great deal of commonality across the systems. It was also noted that a number of faculty felt that IGETC hinders successful transfer because community college students focus on fulfilling these requirements, rather than core coursework in their fields.

The main focus of the December 15, 2010 meeting was salary increases for faculty and unrepresented staff. The Council supported a request for salaries, however, there was disagreement about how it should occur. The Regents do not want to support any salary increase unless it is linked to merits. President Yudof was very supportive of an increase in salary for faculty but he also thought it was important that any increase be linked to merit. Chair Gauvain indicated that it is likely that any salary increase will be linked to merits for both faculty and staff.

Chair Gauvain indicated that a committee has been formed to look into the re-benching of state general fund allocation formulas. Historically UC Berkeley and UCLA have received more funding per student from the Legislature. This will be a long-term process.

Another committee has been formed to look into the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) because their policies have changed and there is a need to review their growth and resources. The Committee will be made up of representatives from UCPB, UCORP, and the three campuses with ANR divisions, UCB, UCD and UCR. The Committee has not met and Chair Gauvain will keep the EC posted as discussions continue.

There was also a discussion about negotiations going on with the journal Nature to deal with the problem of costs for library subscriptions and issues of open access. The head of the Systemwide Library Committee gave an update and Chair Gauvain indicated that this was something that UCR's Library Committee needs to pay attention to.

Chair Gauvain also reported on the efforts currently going on at UCR to recruit international students. She was invited to be part of a group that visited London in December to look at an Organization that recruits students for campuses. She reported that the trip was useful in that it brought to the forefront the issues that need to be closely scrutinized. The Chancellor's office and the Extension office are working together on this issue.

Chair Gauvain indicated that at their monthly teleconference meetings with the Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Lawrence H. Pitts, the discussions were mainly related to salary increase issues.

Some efforts are being made to move forward with the School of Public Policy. Chair Gauvain indicated that the Committee on Committees has selected a slate of faculty members who will be invited to serve as the School's Interim Executive Committee until the School has enough faculty members. The same process was followed when the School of Engineering was formed in the 80's. The issue was being brought to the attention of the Executive Council for their information. A committee member noted that there was no representation from GSOE and the Chair of CoC indicated that they will rectify this.
Chair Gauvain mentioned the reception that was being planned for January 11, 2011, at 4:00 to honor Prof. Helen Henry and Prof. Anthony W. Norman for their financial contribution to the Senate. The contribution enabled the Senate to enlarge the conference room and purchase a large conference table. The Chancellor and Vice Chancellor Peter Hayashida will be attending and the EC members were asked to attend if time allowed them.

Finally, Chair Gauvain indicated that she is sitting on the Chancellor’s Cabinet and the first meeting was held that morning. The major discussion was the budget especially the Governor’s budget, which cut the UC budget by $500 million.

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION, R1.1.1.1 – GRADING SYSTEM**
The proposed changes to Regulation R1.1.1.1 were reviewed by the Executive Council and they will be submitted to the February 15, 2011 Division meeting.

**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION BYLAW CHANGES:**
The School of Business Administration (SoBA) Bylaw Changes were reviewed by the Executive Council and they will be submitted to the February 15, 2011 Division meeting.

**EARLE ANTHONY ENDOWMENT:**
Chair Gauvain discussed the proposal to use the Earle Anthony Endowment funds awarded to the Academic Senate to fund graduate student travel and research awards. As background information, the Earle Anthony Endowment funds were made available by an endowment for students in the biological, physical, agricultural, health sciences, engineering and mathematics to obtain scientific education or to pursue scientific research or experiments. Materials pertaining to this idea were reviewed and discussed. This year will be the first year of the awards and the Chair will keep the EC apprised of how it works out.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AUTHORITY:**
Chair Gauvain indicated that the last item of the agenda came from an inquiry from Prof. Tim Close who questioned whether or not the Executive Council is empowered to take action on curricular or related legislation matters. For information purposes, the Agenda included the most recent agenda from the Systemwide Academic Council to illustrate that many of the items that appear under discussion items and that our Agenda is largely consistent with this practice. The Secretary/Parliamentarian indicated that Prof. Close was objecting to the routing of proposals to the Executive Council before it appeared on the Divisional agenda as well as the use of the word “approved” which had since been changed to “endorsed.” The question at issue is whether or not it is proper to report the sense of Executive Council to the Division.

The EC members reviewed bylaw 8.5.2 which indicates that “…it advises the Chair of the Division in his/her exercise of responsibility to coordinate the work of all standing and special committees of the Division, to submit the budget for the work of the Division, and to prepare the annual report of the work of the Division office. It further advises the Division’s representatives to the Assembly and to Senate committees.” The EC agreed that the routing of issues through the EC is intended to fulfill this section of the bylaw and, moreover, to not route relevant issues through the Executive Council would negate the role and responsibility of the EC in the Academic Senate.
After further discussion, the EC voted unanimously to approve the motion below:

The Executive Council moves that we shift the language to “review” in an effort to be neutral, but in actuality, Bylaw 8.5.2 gives the EC authority and obligation to coordinate committee actions.

**Other Executive Council & Committee Business:**

Prof. Jose Wudka, Chair of the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) raised the issue of discontinuing majors and in particular the Biological Sciences major. CEP has discussed the current policy and procedures that exist for discontinuance of majors and finds them cumbersome. The process for discontinuing graduate programs is clear but that is not the case for undergraduate majors. EC members agreed that the Chair of CEP should draft a proposal for the process to discontinue undergraduate majors at UCR for review by Rules and Jurisdiction and CEP.

Prof. Dan Hare, Chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee reported that the Campus Ombudsperson has resigned from her position at UCR. Before she left, she met with the Faculty Welfare Committee to give them an update on the issues that she has been dealing with during her tenure on the campus, for example bullying including bullying of faculty by students and staff.

Prof. Dave Parker, Chair of the CNAS Executive Committee indicated that they expect a large increase in 2011 undergraduate admissions and that CNAS has raised its Academic Index Scores to avoid over-enrollment in the College. He also mentioned that the College has a $15 million deficit and that they will be trying to schedule a meeting with the Chancellor and EVCP to discuss this matter.

Prof. Jay Farrell, Chair BCOE Executive Committee indicated that they are also dealing with 2011 undergraduate admissions and they are very happy with their transfer numbers.

Prof. Gerhard Gierz, Chair, Preparatory Education, indicated that his committee discussed the proposed changes to the Admissions Criteria and some Committee members were concerned with the changes for Eligibility in the Local Context. The Committee members are concerned that the changes may result in admitting some students who are not well-prepared for the academic challenges of the University.

Prof. Christine Gailey, Chair of Committee on Committees indicated that the Committee is preparing for the 2011-12 committee recruitment drive in the faculty at large.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Selwyn Ehlers*
*Executive Director*
*Office of the Academic Senate*
## Issues from Systemwide for Divisional Reviews

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*updated 01-20-2011*
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 or responses regarding this request. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, feel free to contact me at extension 26302

Sincerely,

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  $250,062.50
   Entrepreneurial Investment Corporation

E. Will this gift/pledge be anonymous, without publicity?  ○Yes  X 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:

[Signature]
Nexi Abbaschian, Dean
Bourns College of Engineering

[Signature]
Peter Hayashida, Vice Chancellor, University Advancement

[Signature]
Joel Muhson, Associate Vice Chancellor, Development

[Signature]
Jan Wildman, Assistant Vice Chancellor,
Advancement Administration

December 9, 2010
Date

12/14/10
Date

12/14/10
Date

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: 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 to 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.
Memorandum

To: Academic Senate, Executive Council
CC:
From: David Pion-Berlin, Committee on Research
Date: 1/19/2011
Re: Replenishing Lost Funds

The Committee on Research reviews and evaluates faculty intramural research and travel applications. Each year we are allotted a budget from which we distribute funds between the Omnibus Travel and Research Grants, the COR Fellowships for senior faculty and the Regents Fellowships for junior faculty.

In recent years, (FY 2008 to FY 2011) our allocations have been severely cut, by $104,000, or 17 percent. As a result, the number of COR Fellowships awarded has declined in the same period from 32 to 19. The number of Regents Fellowships has dropped from 31 to 13.

It is particularly unfortunate that funding for research has been depleted in light of UCR’s Strategic Goals as outlined in the Path to Pre-eminence. The first strategic priority mentioned in the report is to triple the level of grant funding over the next decade. The COR Research Fellowships are intended to provide seed money to tenured faculty precisely to enhance the prospects for receipt of extramural grants by developing major new research projects. At a time when this campus has made grant writing a priority, we can least afford to undercut that effort by depleting the COR funds.

Naturally, cuts in the other funding sources (Omnibus and Regents) also undermine the overarching priority this University sets on facilitating research. Even small amounts of money can make the difference between a field trip taken or not, or a graduate research assistant hired or not.

On behalf of the Committee on Research, I am asking the Executive Committee to support our request to the Chancellor to replenish some of the lost funds. Specifically, we would like half of the cut of 104,000 to be restored, or $52,000. Naturally, this is a difficult time, when the State of California has become an...
unreliable partner to the UCs and when our campus, like all, has been asked to do with much less. But if we are to ever fulfill our strategic goals, the last item in the pecking order we would want to deplete would be our research funds. We hope that the Executive Committee concurs, and will aid our request.