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Date: May 3, 2017  
To: Roger and Bob Dickinson  
From: Kathryn Baldwin  
cc: Dean J. Keith Gilles

Roger and Bob – thank you for meeting with Keith and me on Friday, April 21, 2017, to discuss the Dickinson Chair and how we might more broadly define the scope and purpose of the Chair now and into the future. We were pleased to learn that you would like to see the College fill the Chair and, in doing so, interpret the terms flexibly, while keeping in mind a few key points. Given the campus budget pressures, we appreciate that the family understands that endowed chairs are critical resources for the faculty.

The key points you made during our discussion were:

1. It is highly desirable to the Dickinson family that any future faculty member holding the Dickinson Chair be a teacher with commitment to undergraduate students that has been demonstrated through their teaching and service.
2. The academic discipline of “Wood Science and Technology” has evolved, and a broader interpretation of the terms of the Chair is acceptable to the Dickinson family, given the evolution of forestry into an interdisciplinary area incorporating many scientific disciplines: soils, wildlife, climate, engineering, economics, ecology, the utilization of timber products, etc. The Dickinson family asks that the College keep in mind the original gift recognized their father’s distinguished career researching and studying the properties, utilization and benefits of wood, as well as the importance of managing forests sustainably and in an environmentally friendly manner.
3. The Dickinson family would like to see the Chair continue to advance both basic and applied science in the tradition of the Forest Products Laboratory, whose first director was Professor Dickinson, and that cooperative extension specialists holding an appropriate additional title, such as adjunct professor, be given due consideration for appointment to the Chair .
4. The Dickinson family would like to see faculty appointed to the Chair whose research incorporates innovative uses of technology such as engineered wood.

If you approve, this document will be added to the Dickinson Chair file to assist future committees in interpreting both the purpose and scope of the Chair.

Office of the President  
May 6, 1992

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TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY:  
For Meeting of May 14, 1992

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT

Action By Consent

A. ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF ENDOWED CHAIR [DICKINSON],  
COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, BERKELEY CAMPUS

The President recommends that the Committee on Educational Policy recommend to The Regents that the establishment of an endowed chair, College of Natural Resources, Berkeley campus, be approved, and that the chair be named the Fred E. Dickinson Chair in Wood Science and Technology, contingent on establishment of an endowment of at least \$400,000 with the University of California, Berkeley Foundation for support of the Chair, and contingent also on receipt of a binding commitment from the Foundation that it will pay to The Regents the income held and invested by the Foundation.

BACKGROUND

The proposed Fred E. Dickinson Chair in Wood Science and Technology, College of Natural Resources, Berkeley campus, would be funded by an endowment of at least \$400,000 to be held and invested with the University of California, Berkeley Foundation. The endowment will be funded by: (1) gifts and pledges received through a campus fundraising campaign for an endowment in memory of Professor Fred E. Dickinson, initiated following his death in 1986; (2) donations allocated by the College from its discretionary funds raised through the "Keeping the Promise" fundraising campaign, and (3) the addition of income to principal until the corpus reaches \$400,000. As of December 31, 1991, the endowment had a market value of \$348,644.

Fred Eugene Dickinson was Professor of Forestry and Resource Management at Berkeley for 25 years, serving as the founding director of the Forest Products Laboratory from 1955 until his retirement in 1980. Under his leadership, the Laboratory became one of the world's premier research centers devoted to studies of wood products and machining, developing improved techniques for processing forest products materials. The Laboratory serves as headquarters for the Interdisciplinary Graduate Group in Wood Science and Technology, which offers programs leading to master's and doctoral degrees. Professor Dickinson earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Minnesota and a doctorate

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in forest products economics from Yale University. Before joining the Berkeley faculty, Professor Dickinson was associated with the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory in Wisconsin and was on the faculties at Yale University and the University of Michigan.

The proposed Chair would support research in wood science and technology. Normally, Chair holders would be appointed for five-year periods, with opportunity for reappointment after appropriate review.

If for any reason it becomes impossible to continue to appoint a Chair holder in the area of wood science and technology, it is the wish of the College and the Dickinson family that the Chair be renamed the Fred E. Dickinson Chair in Forest Products. If for any reason the forestry program ceases to exist at the Berkeley campus, it is the wish of the Dickinson family that the Dickinson Chair be allocated to another campus of the University having a program in forestry.

Income from the Chair endowment would be transferred to The Regents to be made available to the Chair holder in support of teaching and research in accordance with University policy. Salary support and FTE would be provided by the College of Natural Resources. In keeping with policy, the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate has been consulted regarding establishment of this Chair.