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## EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST PAUL R. GRAY INTERIM DEAN RICHARD MALKIN

Re: Proposed President's Item

We are submitting for your review a President's Item recommending establishment and naming of the George R. and Wilhelmina M. Goertz Distinguished Professorship for Wildlife Management.

Donald A. McQuade Vice Chancellor

University Relations

Enclosure

cc:

John Cummins

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Campus: Berkeley
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Revised:

## ITEM FOR ACTION

ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF ENDOWED DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP, [GOERTZ], COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, BERKELEY CAMPUS

The Chancellor recommends to the President that the establishment of an endowed distinguished professorship, College of Natural Resources, Berkeley campus, be approved, and that the professorship be named the George R. and Wilhelmina M. Goertz Distinguished Professorship for Wildlife Management, contingent on establishment of an endowment of at least \$500,000 with the University of California, Berkeley Foundation for support of the chair and contingent on a binding commitment from the Foundation that it will pay The Regents the payout of the chair endowment held and invested by the Foundation. An additional \$500,000, required to establish a distinguished professorship on the Berkeley campus, will be used to establish a current use fund, to be known as the George R. and Wilhelmina M. Goertz Fund for Wildlife Management, at the discretion of the Dean of the College of Natural Resources to support wildlife management programs.

<sup>\*</sup> Action will be released to the public by the campus immediately following the President's action.

## BACKGROUND

The proposed George R. and Wilhelmina Goertz Distinguished Professorship for Wildlife Management , College of Natural Resources, Berkeley campus, would be supported by an endowment of \$500,000 to be held and invested by the University of California, Berkeley Foundation. On December 5, 2001, the trustee of the Goertz Trust distributed to the University of California, Berkeley Foundation securities valued at \$374,450 from the Estate of George R. Goertz. The attorney for the trust has informed us that he expects to distribute most of the remaining balance of the Goertz Trust, approximately \$650,000, in the first half of 2002.

Mr. George R. Goertz was born on July 25, 1912 in Willits, CA and moved to Albany, CA as a small boy. He enrolled at the Berkeley campus in 1939 to study engineering but never graduated because he served in World War II. He later established a career in construction and aviation safety and retired in 1972. Mr. Goertz was a noted big game hunter whose primary interest was the study of wildlife management. He developed a longstanding connection to the Berkeley campus's renowned wildlife management program through its founder, Professor A. Starker Leopold. George R.

Goertz died on September 25, 2000 and is survived by his wife, Wilhelmina Goertz.

The George R. and Wilhelmina M. Goertz Distinguished

Professorship for Wildlife Management would support the teaching

and research activity, relating to wildlife management, of a

distinguished faculty member in the College of Natural Resources.

Payout from the chair endowment would be made available annually to the chair holder in support of teaching and research in accordance with University Policy. Chair appointments are determined by campus guidelines.

In keeping with University policy, the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate has been consulted regarding the establishment of this chair.