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MEMORANDUM

TO: Randolph G. Moore
   Chairperson, Board of Regents

VIA: David Lassner
     President, University of Hawai‘i

FROM: Robert Bley-Vroman
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ACTION TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS, GYNECOLOGY AND WOMEN’S HEALTH AT THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:
The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine (“JABSOM”) seeks the approval of the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents to accept $500,000 commitment to name the Endowed Professorship in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women’s Health at the University of Hawai‘i Foundation in recognition of this gift.

RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:
Request that this is effective upon Board of Regents approval.

ADDITIONAL COST:
No additional costs are associated with this request.

PURPOSE:
The purpose of the Fund is to support an endowed professorship in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women’s Health at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine (“JABSOM”) in an effort to support, reward, and retain talented faculty, as well as to
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provide resources to the chair to enhance the research, education, and community outreach missions of the department.

Funds may be used by the recipient at his/her discretion to enhance and support the program.

Examples of how funds may be used include, but are not limited to:

1. Salary support for the recipient based on the determination of the Dean of JABSOM and the Department chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health.

2. Program support as follows: The recipient will consider input from the Dean of JABSOM and the Department Chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health in determining priorities for research, education and community outreach initiatives.
   a. Travel by the recipients and/or other members of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health to other universities and medical schools, government agencies, and industry visits.
   b. Attendance at workshops, short or extended courses, and other educational opportunities on or off campus, by the recipient and/or by other members of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health.
   c. Support for faculty, junior faculty, fellows, residents, medical students, graduate researchers, allied health professionals, and administrative professionals in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health at JABSOM.
   d. Support for research, curriculum, and/or program development in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health at JABSOM.

Funds may also be used to support the recruitment and relocation expenses of the professorship position.

The recipient shall make an annual report to the Dean of JABSOM and the Department Chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health at JABSOM.

During any period of vacancy of this endowed position, proceeds in excess of an amount equal to an annual distribution may be used in support of general faculty recruitment and start-up packages for the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women’s Health at the discretion of the Dean of JABSOM.

Criteria
Candidates must:
   1. Be a current faculty member or new recruit.
2. Be a full professor or minimum associate professor rank at the time of assignment of the professorship.
3. Have a documented record of research and knowledge in the program area.
4. Be able to provide program leadership and to make contributions to the education, and/or research goals of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women’s Health at JABSOM.

BACKGROUND:

The commitment for this professorship is from the University Clinical, Education & Research Associate (“UCERA”). The funds from UCERA are made up of monies earned through faculty practice by the Department of OB/GYN faculty.

UCERA is the faculty practice organization created to support the clinical, academic, and research activities of the faculty of the University of Hawai‘i John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM). It is a separate non-profit corporation that exists to support JABSOM. Its Board of Directors consists of the Dean of the School of Medicine, the Vice Dean, the Department Chairpersons of JABSOM clinical departments, at-large faculty members, and community representatives, including hospital representatives.

The corporate purposes of UCERA include:
- Providing funding to build and sustain the infrastructure of the JABSOM and its departments.
- Funding research, education and scholarly development.
- Providing additional resources to recruit, retain, and develop qualified faculty at the University.
- Providing healthcare to the general public with special attention to the poor and other underserved populations of Hawai‘i and the Pacific.

The Faculty of Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women’s Health have been caring for the women of Hawai‘i and wider Pacific basin for almost half a century and were part of the original three visionary leaders that established the John A Burns School of Medicine in 1965. What started as a OB/GYN residency training program located in the Mary Foster wing of the Kapi‘olani Hospital, the Department has grown into one of the largest and strongest clinical departments of the John A. Burn’s School of Medicine, University of Hawai‘i. Currently, the department consists of 3 professor emeritus, 32 full-time, 3 part-time and 107 volunteer and adjunct faculty. Our OB/GYN residency program recently got two back-to-back 5-year Residency Review Committee Accreditations (maximum period given to 6-14% of programs nationwide). Former faculty include: Dr. Ralph Hale recently retired Executive Vice President of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and Dr. Roy Nakayama as past chair of Residency Review Committee (RRC) for OB/GYN of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the accrediting body for OB/GYN Residency training programs nationwide. 77 graduates of our residency program are practicing throughout Hawai‘i as Obstetricians and Gynecologists or as subspecialists in Gynecologic Oncology, Urogynecology, Family Planning or Maternal Fetal
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Medicine. In addition, 11 graduates of the residency program were recruited as our departmental faculty.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:
Board approval of the naming of an the Endowed Professorship in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health at the University of Hawai'i Foundation in recognition of a $500,000 commitment to the University of Hawai'i Foundation.