



March 23, 2017

To: Dylan Rodriguez  
Chair, Riverside Division Academic Senate

Fr: Christian Shelton  
Chair, Committee on Planning and Budget

**Re: Review of the Proposal for the Shrimad Rajchandra Endowed Chair in Jain Studies**

The Committee on Planning and Budget discussed the proposal to establish the Shrimad Rajchandra Endowed Chair in Jain Studies and found no budgetary concerns. CPB is in support of the proposal by a vote of +7-0-0.

Although outside the Committee purview, the members commented that there may be issues around academic freedom, specifically regarding the requirement that the selected candidate be a leader in the Jain community. CPB found this concerning as it is beyond the University's commitment. While faculty may choose to participate in community leadership as part of their service, dictating the form of this service could amount to directing the use of faculty salary to this purpose.