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MEMORANDUM

August 15, 2006

To: Senate
c/o Lisa Collins, Manager, Senate Secretariat

From: Lorne A. Whitehead
Vice President Academic and Provost

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Re: **The James A. Moore Chair in Parkinson's Research**

Recommendation:

I recommend that Senate approve the establishment of The James A. Moore Chair in Parkinson's Research within the Pacific Parkinson's Research Centre (PPRC), made possible by funding from the Pacific Parkinson's Research Institute and a UBC Trek Endowment.

Rationale:

The Faculty of Medicine at UBC is proud of its accomplishments in health research and education. Through knowledge, hard work and cooperation, UBC has achieved a standard of excellence in Parkinson's research that is recognized world wide as evidenced in the PPRC. Parkinson's researchers at UBC are poised to move to the next level in investigating the origins, progression and treatment of Parkinson's disease. These investigations utilize a variety of approaches, from clinical and epidemiological studies, to brain imaging, to new pharmacological and molecular studies.

Leaders in neurological research agree that concentration of effort at a single location provides powerful advantages by allowing close and continuous interaction between scientists, physicians, nurses and patients. It is this physical and intellectual integration that makes the PPRC effective and unique. Advances in research rarely occur in isolation. Knowledge is absorbed and built upon by others. The new Chair will be an anchor for recruiting the best researchers in the world and supporting innovative and state-of-the-art investigation. The Chair will develop teams and foster valuable interaction among highly skilled researchers, practitioners and the community. He or she will be expected to take an active role in the community to promote awareness of the issues and importance of Parkinson's.

The incumbent will hold a PhD and/or MD degree and be eligible to receive an academic, grant tenured appointment at UBC, and have attained international recognition as a leader in the area of Parkinson's research. The Chair will reside in the PPRC, a Centre within the Faculty of Medicine.