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To: Senate, Vancouver
c/o Lisa Collins, Associate Registrar, Senate and Curriculum Services

From: David H. Farrar
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Re: Julia Levy BC Leadership Chair in Macular Research

Recommendation:

I recommend the establishment of the Julia Levy BC Leadership Chair in Macular Research made possible by funding from the province of British Columbia's Leading Edge Endowment Fund and QLT royalties. Dr. Julia Levy is Founder and Director Emerita of QLT, and Professor Emerita, Department of Microbiology, UBC.

Rationale:

The Chair will establish an innovative translational research program in macular degeneration at the Centre for Macular Research (CMR) in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at UBC. The CMR at UBC is one of the world's few centres devoted to macular degeneration, and the Chair will demonstrate UBC's continuing commitment to international leadership in this research field.

The Chair will provide leadership within the UBC community by leveraging other campus resources, including established Centres and undergraduate and graduate programs. The Chair will be appointed jointly in the Brain Research Centre, and involved in the promotion of interdisciplinary and collaborative research. The Chair will have access to research space at the Eye Care Centre at Vancouver General Hospital.