BIOGRAPHY OF DR. RICHARD K. LYONS CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY JULY 15, 2025, HEARING BEFORE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Rich Lyons is the twelfth Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley, beginning his tenure as the first undergraduate alumnus to serve as Chancellor in July 2024. Prior to serving as Chancellor, he was the Associate Vice Chancellor for Innovation and Entrepreneurship from 2020-2024, leading the development and expansion of innovation and entrepreneurship campuswide. Lyons previously served as the Dean of UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business from 2008-2018. Prior to his tenure as Dean, Lyons was the Chief Learning Officer at Goldman Sachs from 2006-2008.

Lyons received his bachelor of science degree from UC Berkeley in 1982 and returned to campus in 1993 as a faculty member at the Haas School of Business after receiving his doctorate in Economics from MIT and following six years on the faculty at Columbia University. In 1998, he was awarded the Distinguished Teaching Award, Berkeley's highest recognition for teaching.