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## PHYSICAL FACILITIES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE Recommendation

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To approve the attached "Policy for the Naming of Facilities at Marshall University."

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:	
APPROVED Kathryn Weish	DATE: 3/21/91
DISAPPROVED BY SENATE:	DATE:
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:	
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#### POLICY FOR THE NAMING OF FACILITIES AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### POLICY REGARDING THE NAMING OF BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, The governing boards previously responsible for higher education in West Virginia had substantially different policies concerning the naming of buildings at the state institutions of higher education,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That it shall be the policy of the Board of Trustees to establish an official name of a building at an institution upon recommendation of the president of the institution with the concurrence of his advisory board provided, however, if it is proposed that the building be named for a person such individual must have rendered distinguished educational or other service to the institution and must not have been employed at the institution during the three previous years. An exception may be made by the Board of Trustees in the case of the gift of a building.

#### MARSHALL UNIVERSITY POLICY

#### I. Guidelines

- a) It is appropriate to express the esteem and appreciation the University feels for one who has brought honor to the institution by personal accomplishments, or who has given significantly of personal time and money, by giving the person's name to a University structure or area. Wherever possible, however, the person's name should grace a structure that houses some activity appropriate to that person's field of interest or endeavor.
- b) When a person's name is adopted for a structure, the name should reflect an association of that name with either the history of the University or the nation or with the advancement of knowledge and learning, which will remain memorable long beyond the lifetime of those who propose the name. Nominations whose claims are parochial, of recent date and untested by the passage of time, or based on personal enthusiasm are to be avoided. Historical perspective should be exercised before proposing names. Selection of names of persons currently employed by the University or who have been affiliated with the University within the past three years is prohibited by policy of the Board of Trustees. Adopting the names of living persons no longer on active service with the University is also generally discouraged.
- c) University structures which have specialized functions which are unlikely to change such as athletic facilities, libraries, or medical buildings should carry as part of their name terms which describe their functions.

#### II. Procedures

- a) Whenever possible, names for University buildings and structures should be chosen prior to completion of their construction.
- b) The Physical Facilities and Planning Committee shall be exclusively responsible for receiving recommendations of proposed names for all University structures and facilities for which a name is to be given. Nominations are open to any interested party. It shall be the further responsibility of the Committee, following the accepted guidelines, to make a recommendation to the Faculty Senate which will then make its recommendation to the President of the University and the Institutional Board of Advisors.

- c) The Physical Facilities and Planning Committee shall invite the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, the Director of Alumni Affairs, and the Director of University Relations to attend all meetings at which naming of facilities is part of the agenda.
- d) Naming of structures and facilities should comply with the Marshall University guidelines set forth above and with the "Policy Regarding the Naming Of Buildings" established by the Board of Trustees. However, the Marshall University Foundation may recommend to the committee the adoption of a particular name as an exception to the guidelines if it is deemed appropriate to honor a significant financial contribution toward the construction, renovation, or equipping of the facility.
- e) When individual's names are to be given to rooms or spaces within or adjoining buildings, preference in naming will generally be given to the recommendations of those administering or employed in the space. However, all such names should still be submitted to the Physical Facilities Committee for approval and submission to the Faculty Senate and whose recommendation will be forwarded to the President for final approval.
- f) When a named facility is moved on campus the Physical Facilities Committee will make a recommendation to the Senate on the fate of the existing name.