



Item: IV. a. ii.

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

SUBJECT: APPROVE NAMING OF UNIVERSITY ELEMENTS

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the naming of University Elements at the School of Social Work in the College for Design and Social Inquiry. The proposed name of the newly created Mindfulness and Wellness Center to be the "Robin Rubin Mindfulness and Wellness Center."

BACKGROUND INFORMATON

Facility and Program: The School of Social Work operates out of the College for Design and Social Inquiry in the Social Sciences building on the Boca Raton campus.

The School of Social Work is committed to maximizing human potential, alleviating human suffering, enhancing the vitality and caring capacity of communities, and promoting the ideals of a humane and just society. The school strives to fulfill this mission through education, research, and community engagement.

The School of Social Work currently has 590 BSW students, 291 MSW students and 10 DSW students. The school employs 21 faculty, 28 adjunct instructors and has 850 active field education instructors across 240 agency settings in six Florida Counties. All are deeply committed to graduating the highest quality professionals for which FAU has become nationally prominent.

The School of Social Work will be creating a Mindfulness and Wellness Center in support of its core mission. This Center will provide relevant educational and research opportunities to students and faculty of the School.

Donors:

The Harvey and Phyllis Sandler Foundation was established in 1993, primarily donating to charitable organizations in Florida and New York. As of the 2015 fiscal year, the Foundation's assets were \$9,930,401 and in that same year it donated over \$1.4 million. The Sandlers are passionate about giving to their community and in 2007 were recognized with a place on the Boca Raton Historical Society's "Walk of Recognition". Some of their notable gifts to the community include: \$2.5 million to name the Phyllis and Harvey Sandler Center for Jewish Life Enhancement, a 13,000-square-foot building at the

Jewish Community Center in South Palm Beach County dedicated to providing adult activities and day care for those suffering from Alzheimer's disease. They also established the Harvey and Phyllis Sandler Pavilion at the Lynn Cancer Institute at Boca Raton Regional Hospital in 2005 with a gift of \$20 million.

The Harvey and Phyllis Sandler Foundation has given over \$90,000 to Florida Atlantic University prior to their most recent naming gift totaling \$7,250,000 to support the College for Design and Social Inquiry, the School of Social Work, and Department of Athletics.

Requested recognition: The Donor wishes to support the educational and research goals of the School of Social Work by establishing two new centers; the Mindfulness and Wellness Center and the Substance Misuse, Mental Health and Research Center.

In honor of the generosity of the Harvey and Phyllis Sandler Family Foundation, Inc., the School of Social Work is requesting to name the Mindfulness and Wellness Center, the "Robin Rubin Mindfulness and Wellness Center" in honor of FAU faculty member Robin Rubin, Phyllis and Harvey Sandler's daughter.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

July 2017

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The initial development of the Mindfulness and Wellness Center will include the following:

- Coordinating a lecture series
- Develop a postgraduate certificate program in mindfulness stress based reduction (MBSR)
- Offer ongoing meditation/yoga groups for students and faculty
- Offer CEU workshops on mindfulness, health and positive well-being

The fiscal implications associated with these activities will be minimal.

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