



Item: IV. a. iii.

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

SUBJECT: APPROVE NAMING OF UNIVERSITY ELEMENTS

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve naming a Student-Athlete Lounge within the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence in honor of The Harvey and Phyllis Sandler Foundation, Inc. The proposed name of the Student-Athlete Lounge will be the "Phyllis and Harvey Sandler Student-Athlete Lounge."

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Facility: In its continued pursuit of excellence, Florida Atlantic University will build a premier facility at the heart of its Boca Raton campus that will allow student-athletes to excel in the classroom and on the field. This initiative exemplifies FAU's drive to enhance its stature and visibility nationally and internationally.

The Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence will play a central role in elevating FAU's academic and athletic standing and will benefit students in all academic programs, including those not associated with athletic programs. The Student-Athlete Lounge will be an integral part of this facility.

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: In honor of the generosity of The Harvey and Phyllis Sandler Foundation, Inc., the Department of Athletics is requesting to name a Student-Athlete Lounge in the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence as the “The Phyllis and Harvey Sandler Student-Athlete Lounge”.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

This Student-Athlete Lounge will be part of the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence. Therefore, this Lounge will be completed upon completion of construction of the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Cost of signage and installation: TBD upon completion of construction of the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence.

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