



Item: CG: A-1

## COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018

**SUBJECT: APPROVE NAMING OF UNIVERSITY ELEMENTS**

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### PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Recommend that the BoT approves naming of the Library and Technology Hub within the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine the "Hennekens Library and Technology Hub in Honor of Sarah K. Wood, M.D.".

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

#### **Donation:**

Charles H. Hennekens, M.D. is donating a gift in the form of a Charitable Gift Annuity in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for a recognition opportunity by naming the Library and Technology Hub within the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine. The estimated charitable value of this gift is Ninety-Eight Thousand Two-Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$98,254.00).

#### **Gift Purpose:**

The Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine is presently undertaking a renovation with available funds of student-focused spaces within its main building (BC-71) on the Boca Raton campus. A facility enhancement goal, which is also an accrediting agency requirement, is to create a Library and Technology Hub within this facility. To this end, the renovation project includes the creation of a 400 square-foot resource center, designed to cater to information needs of medical students.

Charles H. Hennekens, M.D., Dr.P.H. is making a donation of \$200,000 via a Charitable Gift Annuity. Upon completion of the renovations in 2018 and to honor this gift, the Schmidt College of Medicine proposes naming this area, the Hennekens Library and Technology Hub in Honor of Sarah K. Wood, M.D. Dr. Hennekens, Sir Richard Doll Professor and Senior Academic Advisor at the Schmidt College of Medicine continues to lead a pre-eminent career in cardiology; Dr. Hennekens is among the most cited physician-scientists in the world. Dr. Wood, a board-certified pediatrician, is Associate Professor of Integrated Medical Science and Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education at the Schmidt College of Medicine. Dr. Wood leads the College of Medicine's innovative high-tech, high-touch medical education curriculum.

## **Donor's Background:**

Charles H. Hennekens, a faculty member at FAU since 2006, is the Sir Richard Doll Professor and Senior Academic Advisor for the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University. He received his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College and completed a residency in internal medicine at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. He served two years as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Medical Epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control assigned to the Dade County Department of Public Health in Miami, Florida.

Dr. Hennekens has an M.P.H., M.S., and Dr.P.H. from the Harvard School of Public Health, and Doctor of Science degrees, honoris causa, from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and from Queens College, The City University of New York. He has been awarded an honorary fellowship in the American College of Cardiology for distinguished contributions to cardiovascular medicine.

Dr. Hennekens' interests include research and teaching the epidemiology, prevention, and treatment of chronic diseases, in particular, cardiovascular disease and cancer as well as infectious diseases. Hennekens has been principal or co-principal investigator for numerous landmark studies. He pioneered the collection and storage of large numbers of blood specimens to test genetic and epidemiological hypotheses, including the predictive value of C-reactive protein for subsequent cardiovascular disease for which he is listed as co-inventor on patents held by the Brigham and Women's Hospital. He has elucidated numerous causal, preventive, and therapeutic factors, most notably low-dose aspirin in the treatment and prevention of cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Hennekens has co-authored more than 750 publications including original reports, reviews, and book chapters as well as three textbooks: *Epidemiology in Medicine*; *Prevention of Myocardial Infarction*; and *Clinical Trials in Cardiovascular Disease: A Companion Text to Braunwald's Heart Disease*. From 1995 to 2005 he was the third most widely cited medical researcher in the world, according to Science Watch.

Dr. Hennekens was born in Brooklyn, New York; he currently resides in Boca Raton, Florida.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Cost of signage and installation - TBD upon completion of current renovations at the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

Installation of signage: TBD upon completion of current renovations at the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine.

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