



Item: CG: A-1

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018

SUBJECT: APPROVE NAMING OF UNIVERSITY ELEMENTS

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Recommend that the BoT approves naming of a Tutoring Room within the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence the "Grodan Family Tutoring Room".

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Donation:

Sky Groden is donating Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for a recognition opportunity by naming a Tutoring Room within the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence.

Gift Purpose:

The gift will be used to assist with the planning, financing, constructing, equipping and administering of the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence. In its continued pursuit of excellence, Florida Atlantic University is constructing this complex at the heart of its Boca Raton campus to 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 to elevate FAU's academic standing and will benefit students in all academic programs, including those not associated with athletic programs.

Donor's Background:

Sky Groden is Executive Vice President and National Director of Jones Lang LaSalle, Inc. (JLL), a real estate service and management company in Miami, Florida. He began working at JLL in January 2016. Before joining JLL, Mr. Groden worked for Cresa South Florida, a Miami-based company that tracks office and industrial space trends in the South Florida real estate market. Mr. Groden began his career in real estate in South Florida in 1995 at Cushman & Wakefield, where he worked in the Broward

and Palm Beach County markets for almost 20 years. In 2004 Mr. Groden received the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) designation. Mr. Groden also attended Florida Atlantic University.

Sky Groden is a native Floridian and lives in Palm Beach County with his wife and two daughters. Mr. Groden has supported Quantum House, Kids in Distress, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Salvation Army, Make-A-Wish Foundation of America, Professional Disc Golf Association, and the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors Educational Foundation (SIORREF).

Corporate and Community Recognition:

- Recipient, Forty Under 40, South Florida Business Journal, 2011
- Named, Heavy Hitter in Commercial Real Estate, Daily Business Review, 2010, 2011
- Named, Top Dealmaker, Daily Business Review, 2007, 2010
- Named, Tomorrow's Newsmakers, Real Estate Forum, 2008
- Recipient, South Florida Industrial Brokerage Team of the Year Award, National Association of Industrial and Office Parks (NAIOP), 2006, 2007

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

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

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

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

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