



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 the glass-enclosed, "observatory" lounge within the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine the "Lisa and Michael Kaufman College of Medicine Lounge".

BACKGROUND INFORMATON

Donation:

Michael I. Kaufman is donating a gift of Two Hundred Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for a recognition opportunity by naming the glass-enclosed, "observatory" lounge within the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine.

Gift Purpose:

Lisa and Michael Kaufman are naming a new central gathering space on the first floor of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine main building (BC-71) on the Boca Raton campus. This social gathering area was created off the lobby during a renovation of student spaces in the summer of 2018. The College's main building heretofore lacked a community space, which is intended for the use primarily of hundreds of medical students, medical residents, research students, as well as faculty and staff.

Donor's Background:

Michael Kaufman is the founder and CEO of Kaufman Lynn Construction. He began the company in 1989 with three employees, including himself. Kaufman has grown the company into one of the largest and most successful construction companies in South Florida.

Mr. Kaufman is a member of the Construction Association of South Florida, the Florida Council of Public-Private Partnerships, the Florida East Coast Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors, the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, the Florida Council of 100 and the Broward Workshop. He was awarded the 2009 Excalibur Award – Palm Beach County Small Business Leader of the Year by the Sun Sentinel and a Lifetime Achievement Award and 2008 Ultimate CEO for Palm Beach County from the South Florida Business Journal.

Prior to founding Kaufman Lynn Construction, Mr. Kaufman served as a project manager and estimator for Stiles Construction Company. He also served as vice president of Siegfried Construction in Delray Beach.

Michael Kaufman has been a member of the FAU Foundation Board since April 2015. Previously, he served on the FAU Foundation Board from 2005 to 2012, and, during that time, he served as Chair from 2009 to 2011. Currently, Mr. Kaufman also serves as a member of the Advisory Board for the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine.

Michael Kaufman graduated from the University of Florida with a B.S. in Building Construction. He and his wife, Lisa, reside in Boca Raton.

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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