



Item: SP: A-2.

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

SUBJECT: Naming of Room 177 in the Wimberly Library on the Boca Raton Campus

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Recommend the approval of the naming of Room 177 in the Wimberly Library on the Boca Raton Campus as the "LEAH / USC SHOAH Foundation Institute / Visual History Archive Center."

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Room 177 in the Wimberly Library on the Boca Raton Campus currently contains two dedicated computers for accessing the USC Shoah Foundation Institute Visual Archive, which is a video archive of 52,000 Holocaust Survivors' testimonies, originally begun by the Stephen Spielberg Foundation. The League for Education Awareness of the Holocaust (LEAH) has purchased the two computers in the room and paid for computer storage space which enabled us to download all of the Florida resident testimonies, rather than having to request that they be downloaded within 24-48 hours.

The naming of this room will help LEAH fundraise for the University in order to keep the subscription to this database available to the University community, to whom it is very valuable not only in Holocaust-related courses, but also to any courses having to do with Peace Studies, European History, Sociology and related fields. The naming of this room also supports the University's Strategic Plan which calls for the support of public service and outreach activities with the general public, many of whom are interested in this database. Beyond library support, LEAH has also pledged significant funds for other University needs.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

Upon Board approval.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

Supporting Documentation: N/A

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