



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Board of Trustees

Item: **VII.b.d.**

Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

SUBJECT: APPROVE NAMING OF UNIVERSITY ELEMENTS

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve naming Room 202 Collaborative Classroom within the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, the “Marilyn Lee and Mark Bruce Swillinger Classroom.”

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Donation:

Mark Bruce Swillinger is making a pledge of a lifetime/estate gift in the total amount of \$200,000 to name the Collaborative Classroom within the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, the “Marilyn Lee and Mark Bruce Swillinger Classroom”.

Gift Purpose:

The purpose of the Donor in making this Gift is to honor the memory of his wife and to provide unrestricted support for the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing.

Donor’s Background:

Mark B. Swillinger is a retired attorney and retired member of the Illinois Bar, where he served in private practice from 1974 to 2024. He practiced immigration law in Chicago for much of his career. Mr. Swillinger earned a J.D. from John Marshall Law School in 1974 and earned a B.A. from Case Western Reserve University in 1970.

Mr. Swillinger and Marilyn Lee Nelson née Mendez married in 2001 and moved to Florida in 2003. He and Marilyn have been active community volunteers in Boca Raton and in the wider community of Palm Beach County. Mr. Swillinger is a member of the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

in Palm Beach, and Mr. and Mrs. Swillinger were founding members of The Center for the Arts and Innovation in Boca Raton. In addition, in 2014, the couple served as co-chairpersons for the American Heart Association Gala.

At Florida Atlantic, Mrs. Swillinger served on the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Advisory Board from 2012 to 2022.

Mr. Swillinger resides in Delray Beach.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Cost of signage and installation – TBD

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

Installation of signage: TBD

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