



BOARD POLICY
ON THE
NAMING OF UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

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INTRODUCTION

The LSU Board of Supervisors is empowered to name facilities in honor of people, which is a practice common to trustee board throughout the United States. In accordance with La. R.S. 17:3351 Paragraph G, the Board may also name a facility in honor of a living person and may even condition that honorific on a donation.

G. Each board may name buildings at institutions under its supervision and management in honor of living persons pursuant to a policy adopted by the board applicable to such actions. Such policy may include criteria to be used for the naming of buildings in honor of living persons. If the policy requires a monetary donation as a condition of naming buildings in honor of living persons, the policy shall require that such donation be made to an alumni association or a foundation that raises private funds for the support of the institution as provided in [R.S. 17:3390](#).

INTENT

It is the intent of the Board to create a general policy creating a process resulting in the consideration and naming of facilities and physical assets for people, living and deceased. Being that an asset may exist for nearly a century or the name may perpetuate for longer, it is also the intent of the Board to allow a deliberative process that allows for campuses to consider the merit of a nomination and purposeful thought given to such a long-term honorific.

POLICY

- I. Authority of the Board of Supervisors
 - A. The LSU Board of Supervisors reserves the right to review and approve the naming of University facilities and assets for living or deceased persons. A building or any portion of a building may be named after one or more living or deceased individuals to honor specific

contributions made to the University, the campus, or the college in question.

B. Limitations

1. No facility or asset may be named for any current public official, elected official or candidate for elected office.
2. No facility or asset may be named for any current member of the LSU Board of Supervisors or any past member for a period of two years from service on the Board.

- C. The Board may receive petitions for namings. Except in extenuating circumstances, the Board will request consultation from the campus chancellor under whose management the facility and/or asset is assigned. Petitions shall be sent to the Secretary of the Board for appropriate handling.

II. Campus Approval Process

- A. Each campus shall establish a policy for naming of University facilities. Pursuant to that policy, the recommendation to name a facility after one or more individuals shall be forwarded to the Board with the concurrence and approval of the Chancellor, if applicable, and the President.
- B. Where practicable, any facility named after one or more individuals shall be appropriately marked with a functional designation for easy recognition by the public.
- C. Any campus naming policy or naming agreement shall include provisions for removal of the name in the event of moral, ethical, or legal improprieties. Removal of a name shall be done by Board resolution.
- D. The providing of functional names in the absence of individual names continues to be left to the discretion of University administration.

III. Authority of the President

- A. The President is authorized to establish policies and guidelines necessary for the promulgation of this policy.