

# CHAPTER VI

## FACILITIES PLANNING

### SECTION V. NAMING UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

A. General Policy.

Facilities on campuses within the University of Louisiana System are named upon the recommendation of the institution president, with the approval and authority of the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with applicable statutes. “Facility” is defined as any public building, public bridge, public park, etc. [R.S. 42:267]

Additionally a facility may be named to honor the contributions and achievements of an individual. Portions of buildings including, but not limited to, classrooms, auditoria, laboratories, and lounges **may** be named after living persons, in accordance with the provisions of this policy. Naming of any facility in honor of an individual, individuals, or a private entity must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Only the provision of functional names (e.g., Band Building, Maintenance Building, etc.) for facilities, in which the name of an individual, individuals, or private entity is not involved, is left to the discretion of the university president.

B. Criteria.

In the case of requests to name facilities in honor of an individual, the university will be guided by the following criteria. An individual for whom a facility would be named should:

- 1) Have made substantial contributions to his/her field of endeavor or to society in general;
- 2) Have had some significant connection with the university, either as a student, an alumnus, a faculty member, an administrator, a donor, or a supporter;
- 3) Have made significant contributions to the development of the university or the State of Louisiana in education, the arts, public life, or some other appropriate field of endeavor;
- 4) Be of such outstanding character and distinction that naming a facility after him/her would honor the university as well as the individual.

As indicated above, a portion of a building may be named to honor a living individual. In order to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest in such instances, current holders of elected public office, candidates for public office, and current members of the Board of

Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System are not eligible for consideration. Universities are encouraged to name facilities only to honor exceptional individuals and should not routinely request this honor. Also, universities are encouraged to minimize requests to name portions of facilities for living persons or private entities.

C. Revocation of Naming Approval or Conferral.

- a. The University and/or the Board of Supervisors reserves the right, on reasonable grounds, to revoke and terminate its obligations regarding a naming, with no financial responsibility for returning any received contributions to the benefactor. These actions, and the circumstances that prompt them, may apply to an approved naming that has not yet been acted upon or to a conferred naming.
- b. If the benefactor's or honoree's reputation changes substantially so that the continued use of that name may compromise the public trust, dishonor the University's standards, or otherwise be contrary to the best interests of the University, the naming may be revoked by the University and/or the Board of Supervisors.
- c. If the benefactor fails to maintain payments on a pledge upon which the naming was bestowed, the naming may be revoked after a pro rata period of time that reflects the number of pledge payments made, given the estimated useful life of the building or the terms of years covered by the facility naming agreement, as applicable.
- d. If a planned gift upon which the naming was bestowed does not result in the value agreed upon, the naming may be revoked.