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. Buildings or 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 (Addition approved 10/28/2021). 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 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 building or 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. (Addition approved 8/27/99)