## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

#### **FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

#### August 25, 2022

**Item G.1. Grambling State University's** request for approval to demolish eight campus buildings.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The University is requesting Board approval to demolish Jeanes Hall, Army ROTC, Laundry, Property Stores/Receiving, Old President's Garage, Fish Hatchery, Institutional Advancement, and Pavilion. These facilities have high maintenance costs, reached their life expectancy, and no longer serve a useful purpose.

Please refer to the attached summary and photos describing and depicting the buildings.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

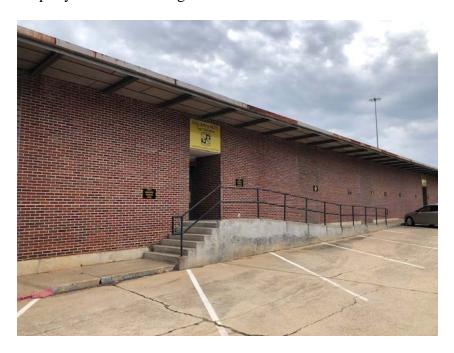
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling Sate University's request for approval to demolish Jeanes Hall, Army ROTC, Laundry, Property Stores/Receiving, Old President's Garage, Fish Hatchery, Institutional Advancement, and Pavilion.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of Grambling State University and his or her designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated said demolitions.
- **AND FURTHER**, that the University will provide Board Staff with copies of approvals and recovery activities.

# Grambling State University Building Demolition List

Name	Constructed
ARMY ROTC	1956
INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT	1956
PROPERTY STORES/RECEIVING	1956
LAUNDRY	1959
GARAGE	1960
JEANES HALL	1960
FISH HATCHERY	1963
PAVILION	1980



Property Stores/Receiving



Army ROTC



Institutional Advancement



Laundry





Jeanes Hall



Fish Hatchery



Pavilion



August 2, 2022

## MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

## SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR THE DEMOLITION OF EIGHT BUILDINGS ON GRAMBLING'S CAMPUS

Grambling State University (GSU) respectfully requests approval for the demolition of eight buildings on Grambling's campus: Jeanes Hall, Army ROTC, Laundry, Property Stores/Receiving, Old President's Garage, Fish Hatchery, Institutional Advancement, and Pavilion. These facilities have high maintenance costs, reached their life expectancy, and no longer serve a useful purpose.

Your favorable consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Gallot, Jr., JD

President

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

#### **FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### August 25, 2022

**Item G.2. Louisiana Tech University's** request for approval to name various spaces within the Integrated Engineering and Science Building, as well as designation of a training facility as listed below.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Louisiana Tech University requests approval to name portions of various spaces within the Integrated Engineering and Science Building, as well as designation of a training facility as listed below. These spaces are named to recognize the contributions of individuals, families, and/or private entities.

Opportunities for recognition within the Integrated Engineering and Science Building varied from \$20,000 to \$1,000,000+, for a total of private contributions to the project of more than \$8,000,000. Private contributions to the training facility totaled more than \$214,000.

#### **Trenchless Technology Training Center:**

Barbera Educational Research and Training Facility

#### **Integrated Engineering and Science Building First Floor:**

Ann and Ron Harrell & Jim Terrill Outdoor Student Collaboration Area

Room #100: King Tool Company Atrium

Room #108: AEP Foundation Auditorium

Room #105: The William "Mack" Danzy Classroom

Room #109-111-113: The George and Jean Baldwin Student Success Suite

Room #130: Hegab Student Commons

Room #137: The Jerry L. Hudson Conference Room

Room #124: Dr. Jack Canterbury Engineering Lab

Room #110: Jay Guillot Honors Lab

Room #126: Don Plummer Honors Lab

Room #114: Betty and John Zeffrey Lucas Jr. Freshman Engineering Lab

Room #112: Eastman Chemical Company Foundation Classroom

Room #128: Eastman Chemical Company Foundation Lab

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Room #121: Aillet, Fenner, Jolly, and McClelland Inc. Faculty Office

Room #115: Cynthia Nicklaus Brown Faculty Office

### **Integrated Engineering and Science Building Second Floor:**

Room #200: King Tool Company Atrium Room #200B: O'Laughlin Student Lounge

Room #201-203: Petrus Integrated STEM Education Research Center (ISERC)

Suite

Room #205: Folk Family Lab

Room #209: Michael Steve Lawson Sr. Faculty Office

Room #210: Bill and Nancy Slack Classroom

Room #211: Hilton and Carolyn Nicholson Collaboration Room

Room #213: Nicholson-Avery Faculty Office

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Room #225: O.V. "Chip" and Carolyn Woodard Collaboration Room

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Classroom

Room #227: Col. Larry Daniel Faculty Office

Room #229: Martin Resource Management Faculty Office

Room #230: Hazel Deen Box Student Commons

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Room #237: Muse Conference Room

### **Integrated Engineering and Science Building Third Floor:**

Room #300: King Tool Company Atrium

Room #300B: Jim and Charlyne Wyche Student Lounge

Room #310: Dow Chemical Company Foundation

Room #312: Dow Chemical Company Foundation

Room #314: Dow Chemical Company Foundation

Room #316: Dow Chemical Company Foundation

Room #320: Dow Chemical Company Foundation

Room #326: Dow Chemical Company Foundation

Room #330: Michael Bailey Student Commons

Room #331: Edward D. McGough Collaboration Room

Room #333: Tom and Carol Bass Faculty Office

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to name various spaces within the Integrated Engineering and Science Building, as well as designation of a training facility as described herein.



#### OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

#### July 29, 2022

## LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Louisiana Tech University, in compliance with the University of Louisiana System Policy C-VI, Facilities Planning, Section V. Naming University Facilities, requests approval to name portions of various spaces with the Integrated Engineering and Science Building, as well as designation of a training facility as listed below. If approved, these spaces will be named to recognize the private support of contributions and achievements of individuals, families, and/or of private entities. The individuals and families meet and exceed the ULS System Policy criteria, and the private entity or entities are significant supporter(s) of the University.

### **Trenchless Technology Center:**

Barbera Educational Ressearch and Training Facility.

## Integrated Engineering and Science Building Outdoor Space:

Ann and Ron Harrell & Jim Terrill Outdoor Student Collaboration Center

### Integrated Engineering and Science Building First Floor:

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Room# 108: AEP (American Electric Power)

Room# 105: The William "Mack" Danzy Classroom

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Room# 333: Tom and Carol Bass Faculty Office

Your approval of this request is very much appreciated.

Sincerely

Taslie Africa Leslie K. Guice

President



## College of Engineering and Science

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Dr. Leslie K. Guice, President

FROM:

Dr. Hisham Hegab, Dean &

DATE:

May 19, 2022

SUBJECT:

Re: Request for Approval of Facility Naming

PREVIOUSLY CONSTRUCTED

Pursuant to Louisiana state law and ULS Board of Supervisors policy, facilities and spaces on Louisiana Tech University's campus can be named to honor the contributions and achievements of individuals and organizations. Enclosed is information regarding to the Trenchless Technology Center's Barbera Educational Research & Training Facility which has been named in recognition of private support.

The College of Engineering and Science respectfully requests your approval of these names and further seeks permission to present these names to the ULS Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

HH/df



## **University Naming Facility Proposal**

DATE: 05/19/2022			
NAME OF PROPOSING INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP: LA Tech College of Engineering and Science			
CONTACT INFORMATION:			
EMAIL: devin@latechalumni.org			
CELL: (318) 278-9806			
PHYSICAL ADDRESS:			
1207 Agriculture Dr. Ruston, LA 71270			
POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH PROPOSAL:			
SECTION 1: PURPOSE			
1. Is this proposal for (check one)			
a. Proposing a name for a University Facility which is currently unnamed?			
b. Changing the name of a University Facility?			
c. Removing the name of a University Facility?			
<ol><li>For changing or removing a name of a University Facility, Indicate the existing name, current location, current use, and history.</li></ol>			
<ol> <li>For naming proposals, state the full name and any abbreviates that are proposed.</li> <li>Barbera Educational &amp; Research Training Facility; BERT Facility</li> </ol>			
4. Is this proposal associated with a philanthropic donation? [insert link here to Foundation policy]			
✓ Yes No			

#### **SECTION 2: RATIONALE**

The University Naming Policy's overarching goals are to establish and maintain a system of research and documentation to ensure that decisions on naming opportunities are made in a logical, consistent, and timely manner; that the requirements, expectations, and desires of all parties are respected; and that naming actions will not detract from the institution's values, integrity, or reputation. Information and sources provided to the University Naming Committee will be verified by the Committee and/or its designees.

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To be o	completed by the proposer(s):
1.	For proposals for naming a currently un-named University facility, provide the following
	information. ( check if not applicable)  a. Describe how the legacy of the individual/entity being recognized resonates with the mission and values of Louisiana Tech University.

- b. Provide the following information about the individual(s) being recognized:
  - i. Résumé or curriculum vitae/corporate reports and history
  - ii. Published/publicized works by or about the individual(s)/entity being recognized (such as newspaper articles, books, journal or magazine articles, websites, etc.)
  - iii. Location and contact information of a repository if personal/professional papers have been donated to an archive
  - iv. Letters and expressions of support for the individual(s)/entity being recognized
  - v. Obituary(ies) for the individual(s) being recognized.
- 2. For proposals for changing or removing the name of a University Facility, provide the following

information. Check if not applicable)

- Describe how the legacy of the namesake does not resonate with the mission and values of Louisiana Tech University.
- b. Provide evidence of the unusual or compelling reasons that support the proposal to change or remove the name of a University Facility.

## To be completed by the University Naming Committee:

1. Describe and document the research or scholarly work that has been undertaken to inform this proposal.

**SECTION 3: ROUTING** 

**University Naming Committee** 

Administrative Head of Affected Unit

Vice President

President

Updated 10.22.20



## College of Engineering and Science

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Dr. Leslie K. Guice, President

FROM:

Dr. Hisham Hegab, Dean

DATE:

May 19, 2022

SUBJECT:

Re: Request for Approval of Named Spaces Integrated Engineering and Science Building

PREVIOUSLY CONSTRUCTED

Pursuant to Louisiana state law and ULS Board of Supervisors policy, facilities and spaces on Louisiana Tech University's campus can be named to honor the contributions and achievements of individuals and organizations. Enclosed is a list of spaces in the Integrated Engineering and Science Building, previously constructed and currently in use, that have been named in recognition of private support.

The College of Engineering and Science respectfully requests your approval of these names and further seeks permission to present these names to the ULS Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

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POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH PROPOSAL:			
SECTION 1: PURPOSE			
1. Is this proposal for (check one)			
a. Proposing a name for a University Facility which is currently unnamed?			
b. Changing the name of a University Facility?			
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<ol> <li>For changing or removing a name of a University Facility, Indicate the existing name, current location, current use, and history.</li> </ol>			
<ol> <li>For naming proposals, state the full name and any abbreviates that are proposed.</li> <li>See attached enclosure.</li> </ol>			
4. Is this proposal associated with a philanthropic donation? [insert link here to Foundation policy]  Yes No			

#### SECTION 2: RATIONALE

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To be completed by the proposer(s):

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information. (✓ check if not applicable)

a. Describe how the legacy of the namesake does not resonate with the mission and values of Louisiana Tech University.

b. Provide evidence of the unusual or compelling reasons that support the proposal to change or remove the name of a University Facility.

To be completed by the University Naming Committee:

Describe and document the research or scholarly work that has been undertaken to inform this
proposal.

**SECTION 3: ROUTING** 

**University Naming Committee** 

Administrative Head of Affected Unit

President Like

Vice President

Updated 10.22.20

## Named Spaces in Integrated Engineering and Science Building for Approval

## Facilities are previously constructed

### **Outdoor Spaces**

Ann and Ron Harrell & Jim Terrill Outdoor Student Collaboration Center First Floor

[Room 100] KingTool Company Atrium (Charles G. Tullis)

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## Named Spaces in Integrated Engineering and Science Building for Approval

Facilities are previously constructed

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

## FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

#### August 25, 2022

**Item G.3. McNeese State University's** request for approval to name the bridge spanning Contraband Bayou the "Richard R. Rhoden Bridge."

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The University is requesting approval to name the bridge spanning Contraband Bayou the "Richard R. Rhoden Bridge." He recently retired from McNeese after serving as Director of Facilities and Plant Operations from 1999 to 2022. In total, Mr. Rhoden served the University for over 40 years.

Mr. Rhoden initiated, coordinated, and supervised more than \$575 million in campus facility and infrastructure improvements including 17 new campus buildings, numerous major renovations, and facility expansions. He was responsible for planning extensive renovations and upgrades to enhance The Quad including the installation of the clock tower and development of Robert Hebert Plaza, the development of John McNeese Park, the creation of the Entrance Plaza, Kaufman Plaza and Chozen Hall, home to Student Central, a one-stop facility for students to access the enrollment management offices including recruiting, admissions, registrar, financial aid, and freshman advisors. All of these projects made the campus aesthetically appealing and created a more student-centric environment.

Mr. Rhoden has been instrumental in McNeese's recovery from three of the most devastating natural disasters McNeese has experienced in its history--Hurricane Rita in 2005 and back-to-back Hurricanes Laura and Delta in 2020. He rode out these dangerous and destructive storms on campus to assist in protecting the campus as well as to begin assessing damage immediately and to start the recovery process. In 2005, Hurricane Rita caused over \$25 million in damages to the campus, and Mr. Rhoden led the team effort to recover, restore, and rebuild campus facilities including the demolition and construction of the new Burton Residence Hall. In 2020, Hurricanes Laura and Delta caused more than \$200 million in damages to the campus, and 137 buildings or structures were damaged or destroyed. Due to Mr. Rhoden's diligence, determination, and dedication, the 2021 spring semester began on time with residence halls and nearly 85% of the academic buildings reopened.

Just as the Spring 2021 semester was gaining momentum and just four months after Hurricane Delta, there was a severe winter storm that shut down Southwest Louisiana and caused more damage to campus infrastructure. Once again, Mr. Rhoden led the efforts to quickly locate contractors and begin repairs. Three months later, a historic flood damaged many campus

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buildings. No other university in the country endured the physical, structural, and operational challenges that McNeese faced in less than 12 months.

Richard Rhoden has been at the forefront of all of these recovery efforts, and had it not been for his leadership, commitment, and tireless work, the campus would not be what it is today.

Mr. Rhoden earned his degree in architectural science from McNeese in 1983 and he is a first-generation graduate. He served 21 years on the McNeese Alumni Association's Board of Directors and is a recipient of its Distinguished Service Award that recognizes outstanding service to the alumni association and the University.

The Contraband Bayou Project is a testament to Richard's vision and passion for creating an esthetically pleasing campus while addressing major structural issues. This is one of the first campus landmarks prospective students and parents will see when they visit Student Central. The "Richard R. Rhoden Bridge" will connect the Cowboy Way that leads students into the main campus.

McNeese's mission is to change lives. The University changed Richard Rhoden's life, and he dedicated his career to transforming McNeese into a modern, student-centric, aesthetically beautiful campus.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval to name the bridge spanning Contraband Bayou the "Richard R. Rhoden Bridge."



G.3.

August 4, 2022

Dr. James B. Henderson, President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

McNeese State University requests approval to name the Contraband Bayou Bridge the Richard R. Rhoden Bridge.

Please place this item on the ULS Board of Supervisors' agenda for consideration and approval at the August 25, 2022 meeting.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Daryl V. Burckel

President

Attachments

August 4, 2022

Dr. James B. Henderson, President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

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Our McNeese mission is to change lives. McNeese changed Richard Rhoden's life, and he dedicated his career to transforming McNeese into a modern, student-centric, aesthetically beautiful campus.

Mr. Rhoden's 40 years of service, his passion for McNeese, and his commitment to continuously improving the McNeese campus and facilities for students, faculty, and staff warrant the recognition of naming the new Contraband Bayou bridge the Richard R. Rhoden Bridge.

Thank you for your approval of this request to honor Mr. Richard Rhoden.

Sincerely,

Dr. Daryl V. Burckel

President

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

#### FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

#### August 25, 2022

**Item G.4. Nicholls State University's** request for approval to rename the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences building to the "Dr. O. Cleveland Hill Hall" and rename the College of Sciences and Technology building to the "Dr. Marilyn Kilgen Hall."

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The University is requesting approval to rename two buildings on campus, namely the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences (formerly Polk Hall) and the College of Sciences and Technology (formerly Beauregard Hall) buildings. Rename the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences building to the "Dr. O. Cleveland Hill Hall" and rename the College of Sciences and Technology building to the "Dr. Marilyn Kilgen Hall."

The names of Polk and Beauregard, Civil War generals, were removed from their respective buildings in the summer of 2020 with recommendations from the newly created task force. Drs. O. Cleveland Hill and Marilyn Kilgen worked tirelessly in their respective fields and this honor would be a fitting tribute to their dedication, support, and service to the University.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval to rename the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences building to the "Dr. O. Cleveland Hill Hall" and rename the College of Sciences and Technology building to the "Dr. Marilyn Kilgen Hall."



## **Nicholls State University**

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#### Office of the President

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August 4, 2022

### Via Electronic Transmittal Only

Dr. Jim Henderson University of Louisiana System President 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

Nicholls State University requests consideration and approval of the following to be placed on the agenda for the August 25, 2022 meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System:

Rename the College of Education & Behavioral Sciences building to the "Dr. O. Cleveland Hill Hall" and Rename the College of Sciences & Technology building to the "Dr. Marilyn Kilgen Hall".

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jay Clune President

JC/apf

**Enclosures** 

c: Dr. Sue Westbrook, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Mr. Terry Braud, Vice President for Finance & Administration

Mr. Jonathan Terrell, Athletic Director

Dr. Michele Caruso, Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Todd Keller, Vice Provost

Mr. Steven Kenney, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources, CDIO & Title IX Coordinator

Ms. Paulette Mayon, Internal Auditor

Ms. Claire Bourgeois, Faculty Senate President

Ms. Renee Hicks, Assistant Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness Access & Success

Ms. Monique Crochet, Executive Director of External Affairs



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To: Dr. John Clune, Nicholls State University

From: Steven H. Kenney, Jr., Nicholls State University AVP for Human Resources

Date: July 13, 2022

RE: Building Recommendations

#### Dr. Clune,

In the summer of 2020 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion was catapulted into the spotlight in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd. We at Nicholls State University explored our landscape and the decision was made to remove the names of two buildings, Beauregard Hall (College of Science & Technology) and Polk Hall (College of Education and Behavioral Sciences).

Per an issue of the *Nicholls Inside* released on February 13, 2009, Dr, Alfred Delahaye identified the following:

Beauregard Hall, which opened in 1961 as a science building, was named for Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard because he was an engineer and "scientific." And Polk Hall, which opened as a library in 1965, was named for Episcopal Bishop Leonidas Polk, because he was "a man of letters." Both were graduates of West Point and Civil War generals.

The removal of the names from the buildings was received with a broad range of reactions, on opposite ends of the spectrum were criticism and praise. Critics argued that the removal of the names was a knee-jerk reaction to the racial unrest around the country, and an attempt to erase the history of the University. Conversely, others praised the University for taking a position that would reflect the diverse community we serve, articulating the change was long overdue.

In 2020 a task force was created, and worked tirelessly for months to gather information and feedback from constituent groups. Groups represented within the task were students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community.

Several mechanisms were used to gather feedback and/or recommendations, one such effort was a survey conducted for the broader community. Throughout the process several names were recommended, and after several rounds of deliberations, I offer these two names as recommendations to replace the names that have been removed from the College of Science and Technology and the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

As Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, it is my recommendation to name the building that houses the College of Science and Technology after Dr. Marilyn Kilgen.



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A former Department Head for Biological Sciences, Dr. Marilyn Kilger has been identified as a Distinguished Service Professor and was awarded the Alcee' Fortier Distinguished Professorship. Dr. Kilgen was instrumental in the established of a Master of Science Degree in Marine & Environmental Biology and was a charter member of the Nicholls State University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. Dr. Kilgen conducted extensive research on oysters and her service to Nicholls State University and the State of Louisiana led to the National Council for Advancement and Support of Education recognizing Dr. Kilgen as Louisiana's Professor of the Year in fall 1993.

It is my recommendation to name the building that houses the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences after Dr. O. Cleveland Hill.

A former Dean of the College of Education, Dr. Hill is a Professor Emeritus of Education and a former Director of Student Teaching. Dr. Hill is credited as the first African American to achieve the rank of Dean at Nicholls State University. Dr. Hill's tenure with Nicholls State University started long before he was employed at the University. In the 1968-69 school year Dr. Hill was recruited to play varsity basketball at Nicholls State University, making Dr. Hill the first African American athlete in the history of Nicholls athletics and he would later be inducted into the 1<sup>st</sup> class of the Hall of Fame.

Prior to making these recommendations, I have personally met with Dr. Kilgen and her daughter, and received the support of the Kilgen family. Additionally, I have met with Dr. Hill and his wife, and they also support the recommendation. Both Dr. Marilyn Kilgen and Dr. O. Cleveland Hill are living individuals.

In compliance with *Louisiana Revised Statute* 17:3351G, buildings or portions of buildings may be named after a living person or deceased person (persons) to honor specific contributions made by such person (persons) to the University, the campus, or the college in consideration. Per LRS 17:3351G

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.

In compliance with University of Louisiana System Board Bylaws & Rules, Part two – Chapter VI -Facilities Planning; Section V. Naming University Facilities,

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.



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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.

In review of applicable Louisiana Revised Statutes and University of Louisiana System Board Bylaws and Rules, Dr. Marilyn Kilgen and Dr. O. Cleveland Hill meet the established criteria to have a building named in their honor. Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Submitted.

Dr. Steven H. Kenney, Jr.

Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer

Nicholls State University

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

#### **FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

August 25, 2022

**Item G.5. Northwestern State University's** request for approval to name the new Health Performance Center, the "David and Sherry Morgan Health Performance Center."

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The University is requesting approval to name the new Health Performance Center, the "David and Sherry Morgan Health Performance Center." David and Sherry Morgan both graduated from NSU with an undergraduate degree in business. The couple, with deep Louisiana roots, donated \$1.5 million that will go toward Northwestern State's new athletic strength and condition facility. The Morgans' gift is the single-largest private gift in Northwestern State Athletics history.

The athletic-driven donation is the latest in a long line of philanthropic efforts the Morgans have made in the name of their alma mater. For the past several years, the couple has awarded first-generation Northwestern students in Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority with scholarships, honoring their lineage as first-generation collegiate students.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to name the new Health Performance Center, the "David and Sherry Morgan Health Performance Center."

July 25, 2022

Dr. Jim Henderson, President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: Request to Name New Health Performance Center at the Athletic Fieldhouse, the "David and Sherry Morgan Health Performance Center"

Dear Dr. Henderson:

Northwestern State University is submitting the attached *Request to Name New Health Performance Center at the Athletic Fieldhouse, the "David and Sherry Morgan Health Performance Center"* to be placed on the agenda for approval at the August 2022 Board meeting.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Marcus Jones

President

Attachment



July 25, 2022

Dr. Jim Henderson, President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, La. 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

Northwestern State University requests approval to name the new Health Performance Center at the Athletic Fieldhouse for David and Sherry Morgan and to name the floor at Prather Coliseum in honor of Coach Mike McConathy.

David and Sherry Morgan are prominent NSU alumni who have provided extensive financial support to the university over the years, and McConathy retired this year after 23 seasons as Northwestern's head basketball coach.

The university is receiving \$8 million in state capital outlay funding for the Health Performance Center, which will include a new strength and conditioning annex and sports medicine rehab center, expanded and refurbished training room, artificial turf indoor training site and new office and storage space.

David and Sherry Morgan donated matching funds of \$1.5 million to the project, which represents the largest private gift ever received by the Athletic Department. This donation continues the generous financial support for the university by the Morgans, who have established numerous scholarships for first generation students at NSU.

McConathy retired as the winningest college basketball coach in Louisiana history. He had 330 victories at Northwestern and 352 at Bossier Parish Community College.

He guided NSU to the only three NCAA Tournament appearances in its history and won two games in the post-season events, including a momentous upset over No. 3 seed lowa. McConathy coached 30 players who were named to All-Southland Conference teams.

Prather Coliseum, which has been the home for Northwestern basketball for 60 years, is named in honor of long-time NSU coach H. Lee Prather, and it would be appropriate to name the floor

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at the facility in honor of McConathy for his vast contributions to basketball at NSU and statewide.

Thank you for your consideration of these proposals that have been endorsed by the university's Facilities Naming Committee.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marcus Jones

man D. Jones

President

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

#### **FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

# August 25, 2022

**Item G.6. Northwestern State University's** request for approval to name the Athletic Fieldhouse Complex, the "Donald G. Kelly Athletic Complex."

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Northwestern would like to name the Athletic Fieldhouse Complex, the "*Donald G. Kelly Athletic Complex*." Donald G. Kelly was one of the most respected and influential figures in state government for more than two decades from the 1970s into the 1990s.

After serving as a delegate to the Louisiana Constitutional Convention in 1973, Kelly was elected to five consecutive terms in the Senate from 1976 to 1996 representing Natchitoches, Winn, Sabine, and Red River Parishes. He was a floor leader for Governors Edwin Edwards and Buddy Roemer and served on the powerful Budget and Finance Committees.

Kelly was the driving force in obtaining funding for construction of the Athletic Fieldhouse and the major expansion of Turpin Stadium, which gave Northwestern one of the most advanced and impressive athletic facilities for a university of its size in the nation.

The University replaced and upgraded chairback seating and completed other Turpin Stadium improvements several years ago and has installed a new artificial turf field at the stadium for the 2022 football season.

A former Northwestern football player, Kelly is a member of the University's N Club Hall of Fame and has been inducted into the NSU Long Purple Line Hall of Distinction, the highest honor for alumni of the University. He is also a member of the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in Winnfield.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to name the Athletic Fieldhouse Complex, the "Donald G. Kelly Athletic Complex."

August 2, 2022

Dr. Jim Henderson, President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: Request to Name Athletic Fieldhouse Complex, the "Donald G. Kelly Athletic Complex"

Dear Dr. Henderson:

Northwestern State University is submitting the attached *Request to Name Athletic Fieldhouse Complex, the "Donald G. Kelly Athletic Complex"* to be placed on the agenda for approval at the August 2022 Board meeting.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

man D. Jones

Sincerely,

Dr. Marcus Jones

President

Attachment



August 1, 2022

Dr. Jim Henderson, President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, La. 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

Northwestern State University has obtained state capital outlay funding and private contributions to expand and renovate the existing NSU Athletic Fieldhouse with the intention of naming the entire facility in honor of prominent NSU alumnus Don Kelly.

The new Health Performance Center annex that will be constructed with capital outlay funds and matching private monies will be the centerpiece of the enlarged and enhanced Fieldhouse Complex and will be named separately for NSU alumni and major donors David and Sherry Morgan.

Included in the new Health Performance Center will be a Strength and Conditioning facility, an artificial turf area for indoor agility exercises and training, offices, a lounge. and a nutrition center.

Space currently used in the Fieldhouse for the training room and strength and conditioning area will be renovated and converted into modern training rooms and a sports medicine rehab center for the enhanced medical care of student-athletes in 14 intercollegiate sports.

The projected cost of the Fieldhouse expansion project is \$9 million. Planning for the facility is nearing completion, and construction should begin this fall.

Northwestern would like to name the entire Athletic Fieldhouse Complex for Kelly, one of the most respected and influential figures in state government for more than two decades from the 1970s into the 1990s.

After serving as a delegate to the Louisiana Constitutional Convention in 1973, Kelly was elected to five consecutive terms in the Senate from 1976 to 1996 representing Natchitoches, Winn, Sabine, and Red River Parishes.

He was a floor leader for Governors Edwin Edwards and Buddy Roemer and served on powerful Budget and Finance Committees.

Kelly was the driving force in obtaining funding for construction of the Athletic Fieldhouse and the major expansion of Turpin Stadium, which gave Northwestern one of the most advanced and impressive athletic facilities for a university of its size in the nation.

The university replaced and upgraded chairback seating and completed other Turpin Stadium improvements several years ago and has installed a new artificial turf field at the stadium for the 2022 football season.

With the stadium improvements, the new Health Performance Center annex, and enhancements and renovations of the NSU Fieldhouse, it would be appropriate to name the upgraded and modernized facilities the Donald G. Kelly Athletic Complex in honor of Kelly. The proposal has been endorsed by the university's Facilities Naming Committee.

A former Northwestern football player, Kelly is a member of the university's N Club Hall of Fame and has been inducted into the NSU Long Purple Line Hall of Distinction, the highest honor for alumni of the university. He is also a member of the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in Winnfield.

The university would like for the new Athletic Complex to be a lasting reminder of his legacy of expansive support for Northwestern and dynamic leadership for our state.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and support of the university's proposal to pay tribute to former Senator Kelly.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marcus Jones

President

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

## **FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

# August 25, 2022

**Item G.7. Northwestern State University's** request for approval to name the new Prather Coliseum Court, the "Mike McConathy Court."

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The University is requesting approval to name the new Prather Coliseum Court, the "*Mike McConathy Court*." Coach McConathy amassed 330 of his 682-career basketball wins at Northwestern State. In addition to the sheer volume of victories, Coach McConathy took the Demons to the first three NCAA tournament berths in school history, winning games in the 2001 and 2006 tournaments. The Demons' 64-63 opening-round win against No. 3 seeded Iowa on Jermaine Wallace's buzzer-beating 3-pointer remains one of March Madness' defining upsets.

His 23-year career on the NSU bench was highlighted by consecutive Southland Conference (SLC) regular-season championships in 2004-05 and 2005-06, followed by an SLC East Division crown in 2006-07. Those three years were part of a four-season run in which the Demons reached the championship game of the Southland Conference Tournament each year, becoming the second SLC team to accomplish the feat.

He coached 30 All-Southland Conference players and built a coaching tree that counts current Texas A&M Head Coach, Buzz Williams, and University of New Orleans' Head Coach, Mark Slessinger, among its members.

Coach McConathy is the all-time wins leader at NSU, took NSU to the only three NCAA Tournament appearances in school history, and his student-athletes graduated and have become leaders in the communities in which they live.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to name the new Prather Coliseum Court, the "Mike McConathy Court."

Dr. Jim Henderson, President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: Request to Name New Court at Prather Coliseum, the "Mike McConathy Court"

Dear Dr. Henderson:

Northwestern State University is submitting the attached *Request to Name New Court at Prather Coliseum, the "Mike McConathy Court"* to be placed on the agenda for approval at the August 2022 Board meeting.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

man D. Jones

Sincerely,

Dr. Marcus Jones

President

Attachment



Dr. Jim Henderson, President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, La. 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

Northwestern State University requests approval to name the new Health Performance Center at the Athletic Fieldhouse for David and Sherry Morgan and to name the floor at Prather Coliseum in honor of Coach Mike McConathy.

David and Sherry Morgan are prominent NSU alumni who have provided extensive financial support to the university over the years, and McConathy retired this year after 23 seasons as Northwestern's head basketball coach.

The university is receiving \$8 million in state capital outlay funding for the Health Performance Center, which will include a new strength and conditioning annex and sports medicine rehab center, expanded and refurbished training room, artificial turf indoor training site and new office and storage space.

David and Sherry Morgan donated matching funds of \$1.5 million to the project, which represents the largest private gift ever received by the Athletic Department. This donation continues the generous financial support for the university by the Morgans, who have established numerous scholarships for first generation students at NSU.

McConathy retired as the winningest college basketball coach in Louisiana history. He had 330 victories at Northwestern and 352 at Bossier Parish Community College.

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at the facility in honor of McConathy for his vast contributions to basketball at NSU and statewide.

Thank you for your consideration of these proposals that have been endorsed by the university's Facilities Naming Committee.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marcus Jones

man D. Jones

President

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

## **FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

# August 25, 2022

**Item G.8. Northwestern State University's** request for approval to name the new academic building, the "Robert Alost Hall."

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The University is requesting approval to name the new academic building, the "Robert Alost Hall." This new building will replace Kyser Hall, which was completed in the 1960s, as the University's primary facility for classrooms, studios, teaching labs, auditoriums, clinical spaces, faculty offices, and other student-centric academic resources and accommodations.

Dr. Alost guided Northwestern to extraordinary heights in enrollment growth, academic achievement, athletic success, facilities enhancement, and other major accomplishments during his decade as president.

The Louisiana Scholars' College was established under his leadership, and he was at the forefront of the organization of the Department of Creative and Performing Arts. He directed extensive private and public funding to the department to enhance music, theater, dance, and art programs that have become a hallmark of excellence at the University.

Dr. Alost received bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwestern and earned his doctorate from LSU. He was a member of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation faculty from 1963 to 1968 when he became chairman of the department.

He was elevated to Dean of Education in 1975 and served in that position until 1982 when he moved across campus to become director of the new Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts, the nation's first residential secondary school for academically gifted and artistically talented students. Dr. Alost played a major role in the establishment of the school on the NSU campus and directed it for four years before returning to Northwestern as president.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to name the new academic building, the "Robert Alost Hall."

Dr. Jim Henderson, President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: Request to Name Academic Facility on the Main Campus, the "Robert Alost Hall"

Dear Dr. Henderson:

Northwestern State University is submitting the attached *Request to Name Academic Facility on the Main Campus, the "Robert Alost Hall"* to be placed on the agenda for approval at the August 2022 Board meeting.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

man D. Jones

Sincerely,

Dr. Marcus Jones

President

Attachment



Dr. Jim Henderson, President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, La. 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

Northwestern State University is receiving extensive state capital outlay allocations to fund the development of a major new academic facility on its main campus in Natchitoches over the next three years.

This is to request approval of the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System to name the building in honor of Dr. Robert Alost, who spent most of his distinguished educational career at NSU and was president of the university from 1986 to 1996.

Planning and other initial phases in the creation of the facility, which will be the largest capital outlay project in Northwestern's history, are well under way. Establishing a name for the building at this time would be beneficial to university personnel, architects, engineers and others as development of the facility progresses.

Robert Alost Hall, the name the university is proposing for the building, will replace Kyser Hall, which was completed in the 1960s, as the university's primary facility for classrooms, studios, teaching labs, auditoriums, clinical spaces, faculty offices and other student-centric academic resources and accommodations.

Dr. Alost guided Northwestern to extraordinary heights in enrollment growth, academic achievement, athletic success, facilities enhancement and other major accomplishments during his decade as president.

The Louisiana Scholars' College was established under his leadership, and he was at the forefront of the organization of the Department of Creative and Performing Arts. He directed extensive private and public funding to the department to enhance music, theater, dance and art programs that have become a hallmark of excellence at the university.

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Enrollment had declined to just over 5,200 when Dr. Alost assumed the presidency of NSU and soared to more than 9,000 during his tenure in office. That enrollment growth provided the impetus for the overall revitalization of the university that was attributed to Dr. Alost's dynamic and innovative leadership.

Dr. Alost received bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwestern and earned his doctorate from LSU. He was a member of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation faculty from 1963 to 1968 when he became chairman of the department.

He was elevated to Dean of Education in 1975 and served in that position until 1982 when he moved across campus to become director of the new Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts, the nation's first residential secondary school for academically gifted and artistically talented students. Dr. Alost played a major role in the establishment of the school on the NSU campus and directed it for four years before returning to Northwestern as president.

Since his death in April of 2020 at age 85, Northwestern and the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts have considered several proposals and opportunities to pay tribute to Dr. Alost for his monumental impact on NSU, the Louisiana School and education throughout Louisiana.

The gymnasium and special events center at the Louisiana School has been named in his honor.

It would be appropriate to name Northwestern's major new academic facility Robert Alost Hall in honor of one of the most effective, influential and prominent administrators in the university's 138-year history. The proposal has been approved by the university's Facilities Naming Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marcus Jones

man D. Jones

President