NAMING OF THE BOYDSTON CENTER, SIUC

Summary

This matter proposes the naming of the athletic support facility within the Saluki Way Project as the Boydston Center and the displaying of such name on the building.

Rationale for Adoption

Dr. Donald N. Boydston served Southern Illinois University Carbondale as athletic director and chair of the Health Education Department. During his tenure as athletic director, he built an all-around sports program of excellence capturing twelve national championships between 1960 and 1972, the Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference All Sports title for four consecutive seasons, and in the 1970-71 season Saluki teams captured nine of ten championship cups as a member of the Midwestern Conference.

In addition to his successful leadership of the athletics program, Dr. Boydston helped to build the Health Education Department into a nationally recognized program that was considered the best in the country. Most impressive, however, was Dr. Boydston’s impact upon the lives of the students and athletes he encountered. One such individual, Dr. James Rosser, president of California State University, Los Angeles said, “I think that Dr. Boydston gave us a sense of what was possible to the extent that you are willing to work hard and sacrifice.” To honor and recognize the many contributions of Dr. Donald N. Boydston, the Chancellor of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, upon recommendation of the Naming University Facilities Committee, requests that the Board of Trustees approve this naming opportunity.

Considerations Against Adoption

University officers are aware of none.

Constituency Involvement

Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s Naming Facilities Committee, which is made up of representatives from the various constituent groups, met and recommended to the Chancellor that this naming request be approved.
Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University in its regular meeting assembled, That the athletic support facility within the Saluki Way project be named the Boydston Center and that appropriate wording be affixed to the building to reflect this naming.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the President of Southern Illinois University be and is hereby authorized to take whatever action may be required in execution of this resolution in accordance with established policies and procedures.