

Policy

Naming of Facilities and Significant Spaces

The naming, or renaming, of a building, structure or external space is considered a major event in the history of the institution, requiring due consideration, appropriate due diligence, and consultation.

Under authority granted by Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 352, and Section ~~1.7.1~~ 1.6.1 of UO Policy I.01.01 – Retention and Delegation of Authority – the Board of Trustees is the sole authority allowed to name any university ~~building or outdoor area~~ campus (e.g., Portland); university structure, including but not limited to a building, stadium, arena, or field; street; and quad in recognition of ~~an individual or organization~~ a gift, an individual or group of individuals (e.g., a family) or an entity external to the university. The President of the University, or the President's designee, by this policy, is authorized to name all other facilities and internal and outside spaces in recognition of a gift, an individual or group of individuals (e.g., a family), or an entity external to the university.

~~The President of the University, by this policy, is authorized to name interior spaces (e.g. classrooms, atria, conference rooms, seminar rooms, lounges, etc.) in recognition of individuals or organizations.~~

1. NAMING IN RECOGNITION OF A GIFT:

- Buildings and structures may be named or renamed for a donor when a gift provides funding for not less than 50 percent of the portion of the cost which would not have been available from other sources (e.g., state or federal appropriations, student fees, bonds). Some exceptions may be granted.

2. NAMING FOR AN INDIVIDUAL NOT IN RECOGNITION OF A GIFT:

- Naming opportunities are generally reserved for donors. However, an individual's name may be affixed to a building, part of a building, an interior space, or a landscape element in posthumous recognition of unusually meritorious service to the University or to society at large.
- Normally, a period of at least one year shall will elapse between the individual's death and the proposal for naming.
- Exceptions to the requirement of posthumous recognition may be granted only upon approval by the Board of Trustees.

Naming of an Academic Unit

The naming, or renaming, of an academic unit is considered a major event in the history of the institution, requiring due consideration, appropriate due diligence, and consultation.

Under authority granted by Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 352, and Section 1.6.1 of UO Policy I.01.01 – Retention and Delegation of Authority – The Board of Trustees is the sole authority allowed to name any ~~campus~~, school, college, department, or ~~equivalent~~ research institute in recognition of ~~an individual or organization~~ a gift, an individual or group of individuals (e.g., a family) or an entity external to the university.

The President of the University, or his/her designee, is authorized to name academic units not articulated in the above paragraph in recognition of a gift, an individual or group of individuals (e.g., a family) or an entity external to the university. ~~individuals or organizations. This includes, but may not be limited to, centers, institutes, or programs.~~

Naming an academic unit is generally reserved for a donor or donors who have made significant financial contributions to that unit. However, academic units may also be posthumously named for an individual, group or organization in recognition of exceptional nonfinancial contributions to the University of Oregon or to society at large. In such instances, there should be a correlation between the contribution and the field in which naming is considered. Exceptions to the posthumous requirement may be granted by the Board of Trustees or the President, respectively, given the type of academic unit.

Original policy IV.07.01 Naming of Facilities

Reason for Policy

To describe the limitations on and procedures for naming buildings, structures, interior spaces, and exterior spaces, including landscape elements.

Entities Affected by this Policy

General UO community

Web Site Address for this Policy

<https://policies.uoregon.edu/vol-4-finance-administration-infrastructure/ch-7-property-facilities-planning-sustainability>

Responsible Office

For questions about this policy, please contact University Advancement at: 541-346-3016 or advops@uoregon.edu.

Enactment & Revision History

29 February 2016 – Amended by the university president. Policy number revised from 07.00.02 to IV.07.01

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31 October 2006 - Revision recommended and approved by the university president

17 February 1989 - Originally issued

Policy

The naming, or renaming, of a building, structure or external space is considered a major event in the history of the institution, requiring due consideration, appropriate due diligence, and consultation.

Under authority granted by Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 352, and Section 1.7.1 of UO Policy I.01.01 – Retention and Delegation of Authority – the Board of Trustees shall be the sole authority allowed to name any university building or outdoor area in recognition of an individual or organization.

The President of the University, by this policy, is authorized to name interior spaces (e.g. classrooms, atria, conference rooms, seminar rooms, lounges, etc.) in recognition of individuals or organizations.

1. NAMING IN RECOGNITION OF A GIFT:

- Buildings and structures may be named or renamed for a donor when a gift provides funding for not less than 50 percent of the portion of the cost which would not have been available from other sources (state or federal appropriations, student fees, bonds, etc.). Some exceptions may be granted.

2. NAMING FOR AN INDIVIDUAL NOT IN RECOGNITION OF A GIFT:

- Naming opportunities are generally reserved for donors. However an individual's name may be affixed to a building, part of a building, an interior space, or a landscape element in posthumous recognition of unusually meritorious service to the University or to society at large.
- Normally, a period of at least one year shall have elapsed between the individual's death and the proposal for naming.
- Exceptions to the requirement of posthumous recognition may be granted only upon approval by the Board of Trustees.

3. PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

- Suggestions for naming any building, part of a building, interior space, or exterior space will be made through the Vice President for Advancement to the President. The vice president may receive recommendations from and shall consult with appropriate others (e.g. provost, dean, department chair, director).
- Suggestions for naming in recognition of unusually meritorious service should include a description of the activities and circumstances that warrant consideration as unusually meritorious. While "unusually meritorious service" could be operationalized in many different ways, for the purposes of this policy, unusually meritorious service is likely to describe remarkable activities, circumstances, and/or experiences of individuals that directly served to advance or provide inspiration in advancing the values and mission of the University.

Pursuant to this policy, the President shall make a recommendation on naming a building or external space, or any space named after a living individual, to the Board of Trustees for its approval. The President may make a final decision on the posthumous naming of any internal space. On naming suggestions involving entire buildings or large open spaces, the President will consult formally in confidence with the Faculty Advisory Council. On naming of a smaller, or more local scale, the President may consult confidentially with any advisory groups that he or she feels is appropriate.

Related Resources

NA

II.03.06 Naming of Academic Units

Reason for Policy

To describe the limitations on and procedures for naming academic units in recognition of individuals, groups or organizations.

Entities Affected by this Policy

General applicability

Web Site Address for this Policy

<https://policies.uoregon.edu/vol-2-academics-instruction-research/ch-3-faculty-general/naming-academic-units>

Responsible Office

For questions about this policy, please contact the Office of the University Secretary (541-346-3166, trustees@uoregon.edu) or the Office of the Provost (541-346-3186, provost@uoregon.edu)

Enactment & Revision History

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04 May 2017 - Approved by the university president

Policy

The naming, or renaming, of an academic unit is considered a major event in the history of the institution, requiring due consideration, appropriate due diligence, and consultation.

The Board of Trustees shall be the sole authority allowed to name any campus, school, college, department, or equivalent in recognition of an individual or organization.

The President of the University, or his/her designee, is authorized to name academic units not articulated in the above paragraph in recognition of individuals or organizations. This includes, but may not be limited to, centers, institutes, or programs.

Naming an academic unit is generally reserved for a donor or donors who have made significant financial contributions to that unit. However, academic units may also be posthumously named for an individual, group or organization in recognition of exceptional nonfinancial contributions to the University of Oregon or to society at large. In such instances, there should be a correlation between the contribution and the field in which naming is considered. Exceptions to the posthumous requirement may be granted by the Board of Trustees or the President, respectively, given the type of academic unit.

Procedural Requirements

- Suggestions for naming an academic unit will be made through the Vice President for Advancement, in consultation with the Provost and Senior Vice President, to the President or the President's designee. The Vice President for Advancement may receive recommendations from and shall consult with appropriate others (e.g., appropriate vice presidents, deans, department heads, directors, etc.).
- Suggestions for naming in recognition of exceptional nonfinancial contributions to the University of Oregon or society at large shall include a description of the activities and circumstances that warrant consideration. While "exceptional nonfinancial contribution" could be operationalized in many different ways, for the purposes of this policy it is likely to describe remarkable activities, circumstances, and/or experiences of individuals that directly served to advance or provide inspiration in advancing the values and mission of the University.
- The President or his/her designee shall consult confidentially with the Faculty Advisory Council. The President may consult confidentially with any other advisory group that he/she feels is appropriate.
- Pursuant to this policy, the President shall make a recommendation on naming an academic unit to the Board of Trustees for its approval when required.

Related Resources

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