

ACTION ITEM #2

WSU Pullman, Facilities Names Recommendation "V. Lane Rawlins Research and Education Complex" (Kirk Schulz)

September 16, 2016

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Pullman, Facilities Names Recommendation, V. Lane Rawlins Research and Education Complex

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents approve the recommendation to rename the WSU Pullman, Research and Education Complex to the V. Lane Rawlins Research and Education Complex

SUBMITTED BY: Kirk H. Schulz, President

SUPPORTING INFORMATION: The University Administration proposes that the WSU Pullman, Research and Education Complex be renamed in honor of the ninth WSU President, V. Lane Rawlins and be named the "V. Lane Rawlins Research and Education Complex." It was under Lane's leadership that the vision for the Research and Education Complex was initiated and designed with the explicit goal of promoting collaborative and interdisciplinary life sciences research regardless of the department or college filling the space. Since then, implementation of this vision has led to the construction of the first three of a planned six interconnected life science research buildings: Vogel Plant Sciences, Biotechnology and Life Sciences (BLS), and Veterinary and Biomedical Research (Vet Biomed).

The Naming Committee recommends approval of the request to rename Research and Education Complex on the WSU Pullman campus to the "V. Lane Rawlins Research and Education Complex."

Appended at Attachment A1-A3 is supporting documentation for the naming request.

Attachments: *A-1, A-2, and A-3*

ATTACHMENT A-1



Office of
Finance and Administration

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kirk Schulz, President

FROM: Olivia Yang, Interim Vice President, Finance & Administration
Chair of the Facilities Naming Committee *slaw*

DATE: July 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Name Change Proposal for Approval

The Facilities Naming Committee recently received a proposal to recognize the contributions of WSU's ninth President, V. Lane Rawlins by renaming the Research and Education Complex to the V. Lane Rawlins Research and Education Complex.

As the supporting memo states, "It was under Lane's leadership that the vision for the Research and Education Complex was initiated and designed with the explicit goal of promoting collaborative and interdisciplinary life sciences research, regardless of the department or college filing the space."

The Facilities Naming committee concurs with the proposal. Please provide your acceptance and confirm at the bottom of this page.

Thank you.

Attachments

I concur with the above request

Kirk Schulz
Dr. Kirk Schulz, President

7-12-16
Date

ATTACHMENT A-2

DATE: July 6, 2016

TO: Facilities Naming Committee

FROM: Judy Rogers
WSU class of 1974, BS Computer Science

SUBJECT: Naming Proposal – V. Lane Rawlins

As I walk around the five WSU campuses, I notice (especially on the Pullman campus) the various buildings, rooms and streets named after people who have made significant contributions to the university.

I see past university presidents' names everywhere: Bryan Hall, Holland/Terrell Library, Compton Union Building (CUB), French Administration Building, Terrell Friendship Mall, Smith Center for Undergraduate Education, Floyd College of Medicine along with Floyd Cultural Center and the renaming of the West Building on the WSU Tri-Cities campus to the Floyd Academic Building.

In view of Lane Rawlins's longstanding service and legacy to WSU, I believe he should be recognized for his achievements by having something on a university campus named in his honor.

A short enumeration of Dr. Rawlins's contributions to WSU follows:

WSU leadership positions held by Lane Rawlins

- Department of Economics; 1968 – joined faculty, 1977-1981 – department chair
- Vice Provost; 1982-1986
- University president; 2000-2007; first WSU president to have been a member of the University's faculty earlier in his career
- William D. Ruckelshaus Center; 2007 to 2009 - interim director

Lane Rawlins leadership at WSU resulted in:

- Increased enrollment of academically talented students
- Substantial growth in research funding
- A more diverse student body
- A stronger statewide presence while still supporting the needs of its multiple campus locations. Vancouver welcomed its first freshman class in fall 2006 and WSU Tri-Cities did the same in fall 2007
- New units, such as the Office of Undergraduate Education, the Center for Integrated Biotechnology, and the Office of Equity and Diversity, were established
- Opening of new facilities

- Pullman-research buildings for shock physics and plant biosciences, as well as the student-funded Student Recreation Center. New offices for the WSU Foundation opened in downtown Pullman.
- Spokane-Health Sciences Building and the Academic Center.
- Vancouver-Multimedia Classroom Building and began construction of a Student Services Center
- Tri-Cities-bio products, sciences and engineering laboratory got underway
- Strengthening of WSU's relationship with the University of Washington and improved public understanding of the role of WSU and UW as the state's two research universities.
- Modernization of WSU's public reputation as one of the nation's leading public research universities, a major marketing campaign was executed, headlined by the tagline, "World Class. Face to Face."
- New traditions
 - December commencements were added.
 - Cougar Pride Days launched.
 - Regents Scholars program was created to attract Washington's top high school graduates.
 - Eminent Faculty and Regents Professors awards programs were introduced to honor exceptional faculty members.
 - Showcase, a day to celebrate faculty and staff achievement, was launched

If this proposal is approved, I suggest the naming recognition event occur either during the September 2017 WSU Foundation meetings or November 30, 2017 which would be Lane's 80th birthday. In closing, I strongly encourage Washington State University to identify the appropriate naming recognition for WSU's 9th president Dr. V. Lane Rawlins.

Respectfully,

Judy Rogers
 WSU class of 1974, BS Computer Science



MEMORANDUM

TO: Facilities Naming Committee

FROM: Ron Mittelhammer, Dean
College of Agricultural, Human and Natural Resource Sciences

Bryan Slinker, Dean
College of Veterinary Medicine

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Handwritten signature of Bryan Slinker in black ink.

DATE: June 30, 2016

SUBJECT: Naming Proposal – V. Lane Rawlins

This memo is in strong support of the proposal to rename the Research and Education Complex to the V. Lane Rawlins Research and Education Complex in honor of V. Lane Rawlins for his many contributions to both research and education at WSU. It was under Lane's leadership that the vision for the Research and Education Complex was initiated and designed with the explicit goal of promoting collaborative and interdisciplinary life sciences research, regardless of the department or college filling the space. Since then, implementation of this vision has led to the construction of the first three of a planned six interconnected life science research buildings: Vogel Plant Sciences, Biotechnology and Life Sciences (BLS), and Veterinary and Biomedical Research (Vet Biomed). Planning for and design of the fourth building, which will house plant sciences, is well underway.

Thank you.