

ACTION ITEM #3

WSU Pullman, Facilities Names Recommendation "Global Scholars Hall" (Elson S. Floyd)

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: WSU Pullman, Facilities Names Recommendation
Global Scholars Hall

PROPOSED: That the Board of Regents approve the recommendation to name the Northside Residence Hall II capital project on the WSU Pullman Campus, "Global Scholars Hall".

SUBMITTED BY: Elson S. Floyd, President

**SUPPORTING
INFORMATION:**

The University Administration proposes that the new Northside Residence Hall II project, currently under construction, be named "Global Scholars Hall." The hall would be the center for a dynamic learning community rich with academic and cultural opportunities, and home to programs that encourage and celebrate global and intellectual involvement, immersive language programs, and activities that support and promote diverse cultures. Such a hall would also connect with WSU's brand as a global campus.

A WSU Global Scholars Hall would welcome international students, and all students who want the international and global experience of living in such a rich academic and socially thriving community. With the support of Academic Affairs, the Global Hall also would be home to several different types of Learning Communities. Students either studying a foreign language or just wanting to learn another language could share a room with other students studying the same language, so they can become more fluent through everyday communication.

A Latino undergraduate student recently met with Vice President John Fraire to discuss ways the student could develop a student organization to help other Latino students who are dominant in English learn to speak better Spanish. The Global Hall would be an ideal location for such a club or program. As well, the First Scholars program for First Generation College Students spearheaded by Assistant Vice President Luci Loera is interested in establishing a Learning Community in one of the residence halls for first generation

students. The Global Scholars Hall would be an ideal location for this initiative as well.

Finally, a Global Hall concept would be another opportunity for collaboration between Student Affairs, through programming in Residence Life, and Academic Affairs. If organized and promoted properly, a Global hall could be a top housing choice for students.

The request to name the facility was forwarded by John Fraire to the WSU Facilities Names Committee, chaired by Roger Patterson. The Committee concurs with the request to name the building, "Global Scholars Hall".