Date: February 13, 1997
From: Office of the Chancellor
Subject: Board of Trustees Policy on Naming of Building and Grounds

To: Presidents, State University Campuses

Attached is an amendment to Policy Memorandum to Presidents 80-12 on Naming of Buildings and Grounds, as passed by the Board of Trustees at their regular board meeting of January 28, 1997. The policy amendment is the result of the recommendations contained within the Rethinking SUNY document. It is very much the intention of the Board of Trustees to provide campuses with this important development tool in order to meet their development goals and the year 2000 annual goal set by the Board.

I urge you to disseminate the policy amendment to your development officers. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attachment

c: Chairs, College Councils & ESF Board of Trustees
   State University Board of Trustees
January 28, 1997

To: The Board of Trustees

From: Edward F. Cox, Chairman
University Affairs Committee

Subject: Amendment of Policy of Naming Buildings and Grounds

On behalf of the University Affairs Committee, I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Resolved that Resolution 80-8, dated January 23, 1980, be and hereby is, amended to read as follows (brackets denote old material to be deleted; underlining denotes new material to be added):

Resolved that all newly established State-operated institutions of the University shall be named in accordance with standard nomenclature; and, further, that when any State-operated institution of the University desires to name buildings or grounds after a person, such buildings or grounds shall be named after prominent [local or State deceased] persons either living or deceased who have made a significant contribution for the benefit of the State University of New York either directly or through a campus-related foundation; and, further, that local councils shall be requested to make recommendations for naming of buildings and grounds to the Chancellor of State University for his consideration and for submission to the State University Trustees for appropriate action; and, be it further

Resolved that the Board of Trustees will consider requests for exceptions to this policy in the event that a local council deems it appropriate to honor [a living person or an organization responsible for a substantial gift made for the benefit of the State University of New York either directly or through a campus-related foundation] an individual or an organization responsible for a significant contribution to the State of New York, the nation, or to humanity.
Background

The naming of State University of New York buildings and grounds after an individual is one of the highest honors the University can bestow. It is also an important component in the State University's development efforts. Campus development programs should not be hampered by having to seek exception to Board of Trustees policy to name a building after a living person. In addition, the naming of building and grounds should, as a rule, be attached to a significant contribution.

Campuses may seek exception to Board policy if they wish to name buildings or grounds after an individual who has not made a significant contribution to the University.