51.06 Naming of Buildings and Other Entities
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1. It shall be the policy of the Board to honor or memorialize individuals who have made major financial contributions or had major financial contributions made on their behalf or who have performed outstanding services for TAMUS or one of the System members by naming buildings, definable portions of buildings, geographical areas, and academic entities (e.g., colleges, centers, institutes, and similar organizational units) for such individuals. In all cases, except as cited in the following paragraph, the Board shall approve in advance the names of individuals to be so recognized.

2. In the event, however, that one of the System members wishes to undertake a plan of fundraising in which definable portions of a specific building or a well-defined geographical area under its jurisdiction would be given donors’ names through member administrative action, the Board will consider the approval of such a plan including the name in its entirety in advance. In such instances, the list of donors so recognized shall be returned to the Board upon the completion of the fundraising campaign for the purposes of maintaining a permanent historical record.

3. No buildings or other entities of the System may be named for a current member of the Board, a current employee of the System, or a current state or federal official unless:

3.1 the naming is done in conjunction with Section 2 of this Policy, or

3.2 the naming is a result of a major financial contribution made by or on behalf of the individual and receives the unanimous approval of all the Board members present at a regular meeting of the Board of Regents. (Naming a building or other entity for a current regent makes that regent ineligible to vote on that agenda item.)

4. PROCEDURES FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS:

4.1 The Board of Regents shall be responsible for review, study, and consideration of all matters coming to the Board regarding the naming of buildings, definable portions of buildings, other geographical areas and academic entities for persons who have made outstanding contributions to the member, state or nation, or who have attained eminent accomplishments in their field of endeavor and other related matters.

4.2 The Board of Regents as a whole shall seek persons (or possibly, members) to be recognized by having facilities and academic entities named in their honor. It shall also consider nominations by individual Regents, the Chancellor, and the
System member Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and shall consider recommendations of the general public when they are transmitted through one of said officials. Faculty or staff recommendations shall be made to the CEO of the System member for consideration in submitting recommendations.

4.3 All recommendations other than those at Board meetings shall be forwarded to the Executive Secretary to the Board accompanied by biographical material and reasons for the nomination. The Secretary shall forward copies of all recommendations to all members of the Board and to the Chancellor for study and review. The Board may take action at any meeting on the recommendation.

4.4 The Executive Secretary to the Board shall notify the Chancellor, in writing, of the action of the Board of Regents in the naming of buildings, etc., immediately after such action is taken by the Board; and the Chancellor shall either notify the person so honored or shall give written authorization to the member CEO involved to notify the honoree of such action.

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