



S2018-R1 – Representation in UNT Namesakes

WHEREAS, A new residence hall is currently being built on Eagle Drive between Avenue A and Avenue B and is scheduled to open in June 2019.

WHEREAS, University policy 09.001 states, “Naming opportunities exist to recognize the dedication, accomplishment and/or generosity of extraordinary individuals and entities whose support is valuable to the mission and programs at UNT.”.

WHEREAS, it also states that “The naming of property, programs and academic positions at UNT is an important responsibility. A naming should align with the purpose, priorities, values and mission of the institution.”

WHEREAS, There are about 87 buildings that comprise the University of North Texas, however, none of these buildings pay tribute to a UNT community member of color. In addition to this, only three buildings are named after women (Kristin Farmer Autism Center, Murchison Performing Arts Center, and Clark Hall).

WHEREAS, The University of North Texas is an emerging Minority Serving Institution with at least 50% of undergraduate students of color and a robust international community representative of more than 130 countries.

WHEREAS, A petition has collected over 1000 signatures from students, alumni, staff, and faculty members in support of this resolution’s intent.

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, when selecting a name for the new residence hall and any future buildings, the board strongly considers a significant person of the UNT community that identifies as a person of color and/or a woman.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, This resolution be officially sent to the UNT Board of Regents, President of the University, Vice President of Student Affairs, Vice President of Advancement, 2018 Residence Hall Design Team, and the UNT Chancellor.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the name suggestions that were collected from members of the UNT community that signed the petition are considered by the President’s Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

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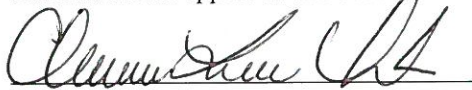
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In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.



Speaker of the Senate

3/5/18

Date

Presidential Action:

- Vetoed
 Approved



President of the Student Government Association

3/7/2018

Date



Vice President of Student Affairs

4.2.18

Date