



January 18, 2024

Subject: Naming of Proposed Building to House FIU CasaCuba as the “Benjamin Leon, Jr. Building”

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize and approve the naming of the proposed new building to house FIU CasaCuba as the “Benjamin Leon, Jr. Building”, in accordance with the gift agreement related thereto and the University’s and the FIU Foundation, Inc.’s Donative Naming Policy.

Background Information:

Benjamin Leon, Jr., a native of Oriente, Cuba and a visionary in the health care field, wishes to further the charitable and educational purposes of the University by making a \$10 million gift to the Foundation to support the construction of a proposed new building that will house FIU CasaCuba, an initiative that will create a leading intellectual and cultural center that will foster global understanding of Cuban affairs and culture through education, research, discussion, and the arts (the “Proposed Building”).

In light of this significant gift, the University proposes to name the proposed building as the “Benjamin Leon, Jr. Building.”

In accordance with the University’s and the FIU Foundation Inc.’s Donative Naming Policy, Policy No. 710.015 (the “Naming Policy”), the Senior Vice President for University Advancement, the Executive Vice President and Provost, the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and the President of the University, have recommended and approved the naming of the proposed building as the “Benjamin Leon, Jr. Building.” The Executive Committee of the FIU Foundation, Inc., under authority delegated to it by the Board of Directors of the FIU Foundation, Inc., have recommended and approved the naming rights granted herein.

Furthermore, the request for FIU Board of Trustees approval of the naming of the proposed building as the “Benjamin Leon, Jr. Building” is made pursuant to and in accordance with Florida Board of Governors Regulation 9.005, and the Naming Policy, which delegates to the FIU Board of Trustees the authority to grant permanent naming recognition in connection with a University building, subject to the conditions contained therein.

Supporting Documentation: Requesting Resolution in Board of Governors Form

Facilitator/Presenter: Carlos A. Duarte, *Chair, Finance and Facilities Committee*

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NAMING OF THE PROPOSED BUILDING TO HOUSE FIU CASACUBA AS THE “BENJAMIN LEON, JR. BUILDING” ON THE MODESTO A. MAIDIQUE CAMPUS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Florida International University Board of Trustees approves the naming of the proposed new building to house FIU CasaCuba as the “Benjamin Leon, Jr. Building”, consistent with the University’s and the FIU Foundation, Inc.’s Donative Naming Policy, Policy No. 710.015; and
 2. That the President, Senior Vice President for University Advancement, and other authorized representatives of the University, are hereby authorized to take all actions and steps, to execute all instruments, documents, and contracts, and to take all other actions as they may deem necessary or desirable, in connection with the granting of the naming rights as set forth herein; and
 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
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