



RESOLUTION

naming

THE STUDENT CENTER

at

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT EMERITUS MICHAEL J. ADANTI

November 6, 2003

WHEREAS, Michael J. Adanti retired on June 1, 2003 after serving admirably as a most effective and wise president of Southern Connecticut State University for nineteen years, and

WHEREAS, Michael Adanti began his relationship with Southern Connecticut State University as a student, graduating in 1963, and went on to serve the university as Assistant Dean of Students and Counselor for six years, Dean of Personnel Administration for two years, and Chief Executive Officer/Executive Vice President for one year during the extended absence of the President, and

WHEREAS, Michael Adanti held the position of Vice President for University Affairs for the Connecticut State University System for three years before his appointment as Interim President at Southern in 1984 and ultimately as the permanent President in 1985, and

WHEREAS, During his 30-year tenure, Michael Adanti not only positioned the university to be a preeminent institution of teaching and learning, but also developed unique initiatives to ensure that students have the tools they need to succeed as learners, and

WHEREAS, Michael Adanti has been directly involved in guiding the largest and most comprehensive campus construction and renovation program in the history of the university, including the planning and development of the new student center, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby designates the new Student Center at Southern Connecticut State University to be known now and hereafter as the Michael J. Adanti Student Center.

A Certified True Copy:

Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman

William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

ITEM

Naming the Student Center at Southern Connecticut State University in Honor of President Emeritus Michael J. Adanti

BACKGROUND

The Board of Trustees has the sole authority to provide for the naming of facilities and programs of the Connecticut State University System. In 2001, the CSU Board of Trustees adopted a Naming Policy for the Connecticut State University System in order to give private donors the opportunity to contribute endowment and other major monetary gifts to universities within the CSU System. The naming of academic programs, facilities and other capital projects provides an outstanding opportunity to honor these major contributions.

A waiver of Section 4.G of the Naming Policy adopted as part of BR #01-50 was approved on October 2, 2003 by the Board of Trustees to allow Southern Connecticut State University to name the new Student Center after President Emeritus Michael J. Adanti.

An endowed scholarship is currently being established in Michael Adanti's name. The naming of the Student Center in his honor will also serve to provide enhanced development opportunities for the university.

ANALYSIS

Michael Adanti began his relationship with Southern Connecticut State University as a student, graduating in 1963. During his 30-year tenure, Michael Adanti not only positioned the university to be a preeminent institution of teaching and learning, but also developed unique initiatives to ensure that students have the tools they need to succeed as learners. In addition, Michael Adanti has been directly involved in guiding the largest and most comprehensive campus construction and renovation program in the history of the university, including the planning and development of the new student center.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the naming of the Student Center at Southern Connecticut State University in Honor of President Emeritus Michael J. Adanti

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Proposed Waiver of the Board of Trustees Policy Regarding Naming of Facilities and Programs in the Connecticut State University System.

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Section 4.G. of the current policy states: "When the person to be honored is living and a non-donor, *three years must have passed since any formal association with the CSU System or employment with the State.* Such affiliation includes time spent as an undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate student; *as a paid member of the faculty or staff, whether full or part time; as a paid State employee; and as a member of the Board of Trustees.*"

A waiver of the Section 4.G of the Naming Policy adopted as part of BR #01-50 is sought to allow Southern Connecticut State University to name the new Student Center after former President Michael J. Adanti.

ANALYSIS

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CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

That on August 22, 2003, the Executive Committee approve the waiver on behalf of the full Board and in accordance with Board bylaws, and that this action be ratified at the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting on October 2, 2003.

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May 23, 2003

Mr. Lawrence McHugh
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Dear Mr. ^{LARRY}McHugh:

I write to recommend that the new university student center, planned for Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU), be named in honor of Michael J. Adanti, the university president.

Mike has served as SCSU's president for approximately 19 years. During that time, the university has experienced dramatic growth in its physical plant, academic programs, athletic teams, and in the development of new and innovative initiatives.

Additionally, during Mike's tenure, the university has greatly enhanced its academic standing, and has gained national and international recognition as an outstanding institution of higher education. The fact that Mike has also worked in the Connecticut State University System for over thirty-five years, and is himself a graduate of SCSU, is a further testament to the importance of naming the university student center after Mike.

As a graduate of SCSU (B.S. 1959, M.A. 1962), I am very proud of the myriad accomplishments of, and the major recognitions received by, my alma mater. In addition, as the former Connecticut Commissioner of Education (1986-1991), I know the importance of recognizing individuals who have spent their career in service to the educational system in our great state. Furthermore, as the U.S. Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education (1996-1999), I recognize the importance of having high quality leadership for our nation's higher education institutions.

I know that I speak for a significant number of SCSU graduates, who would applaud the Board of Trustees' decision to recognize a truly outstanding educational leader, by naming the new student center in his honor. Dr. Michael J. Adanti is very deserving of such a lasting tribute for his commitment, dedication, and service to SCSU, its students, faculty, alumni, and community—as well as to the state of Connecticut and her citizens.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Gerald N. Tirozzi
Gerald N. Tirozzi, Ph.D.
Executive Director

CC: Rose Cretella, Director, Alumni Affairs, SCSU

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You may want to raise this at Executive Committee on June 6th before responding. The current Board policy on naming requires a three-year waiting period before such a request could be considered.

It may be three years before the student center is completed anyway.

**CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
POLICY ON THE NAMING OF FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS**

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish policies and procedures of the Board of Trustees regarding the naming of University academic programs, grounds, facilities, and buildings including major portions of buildings. The Board of Trustees has the sole authority to provide for the naming of facilities and programs.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to the naming of present or future facilities, major areas (such as auditoriums and rooms with major public visibility) within existing or future facilities, existing facilities which have undergone major renovations, or areas on University grounds for which a naming opportunity exists. The Board also reserves the right to approve the naming of academic programs. Academic programs include colleges, schools, departments, centers, and institutes. The naming of scholarships, fellowships and professorships does not require Board approval. The establishment of endowed chairs shall follow the policy established in Board Resolution #99-46 or its successors.


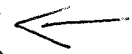



3. OBJECTIVE

The goal of this policy is to enhance the ability of the institutions of the Connecticut State University System to encourage and pursue contributions in support of institutional goals. This policy specifies procedures for the solicitation and acceptance of named gifts as well as other procedures to be followed in naming facilities for individuals, families, or entities.

4. POLICY

- A. A naming opportunity associated with a gift to the CSU System, a constituent institution, or an affiliated foundation, will normally receive favorable consideration only when the present value of the gift is an amount equal to or greater than 10 percent of the cost to construct or substantially renovate the facility proposed for naming.
- B. A naming opportunity for a program associated with a gift to the CSU System, a constituent institution, or an affiliated foundation, will normally receive favorable consideration only when the present value of the gift is an amount equal to or greater than 200 percent of the annual operating budget of the program.
- C. Gifts should comply with the policies established in Board Resolution #2000-15 or its successors. The gift may be in cash or a legally binding pledge and should be paid within five years of the naming of the facility or program. If

the pledge is to be paid over a number of years, the number of years shall be divided into the pledge and the resulting amount will be due each year. A portion of the gift may be in the form of an irrevocable trust or a contractual bequest. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to remove names from facilities and programs when the gift remains unpaid beyond the five-year limit. Should this occur, the Board may name an area of the facility or seek another appropriate naming opportunity that would be proportionate to the value of the gift received. The naming of a facility or program follows the facility or program for its life unless otherwise determined by the Board of Trustees. When a named facility is razed, the Board of Trustees may elect to retire the name or transfer it to another facility or space. When the major function of a building is moved to another facility, the Board of Trustees may elect to transfer the name with the function or retain the name with the original building.

- D. Any University System institution wishing to name a facility, any campus grounds, major portions of facilities, or academic programs as identified in Section 2 of this policy must submit a request to the Chancellor for analysis and submission to the Board's Development Committee who will thereafter submit its recommendation to the Board of Trustees. 
- E. In those instances in which gifts do not reach the threshold specified in sections A and B, a substantive rationale for departing from the policy must be provided to the Board's Development Committee who may recommend a departure from these policies to the Board of Trustees for good cause shown. In these exceptional cases, where facilities and academic programs are named for people, they should be named for scholars and other distinguished individuals who are preeminent in their field of endeavor and/or have contributed meaningfully to the CSU System or to any of its constituent institutions. 

- F. No facility or academic program identified in Section 2 of this policy will be named for individuals currently employed by the CSU System or the State of Connecticut, or currently holding public office. 
- G. When the person to be honored is living and a non-donor, three years must have passed since any formal association with the CSU System or employment with the State. Such affiliation includes time spent as an undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate student; as a paid member of the faculty or staff, whether full or part time; as a paid State employee; and as a member of the Board of Trustees. 
- H. When the person to be honored is deceased, two years must have passed since the date of death before their name can be applied to a CSU System facility or academic program.
- I. In submitting requests for naming of facilities or academic programs to the Chancellor for consideration by the Development Committee of the Board of

Trustees and, if approved, by the Board of Trustees, the following information is to be submitted:

- a) Institution name;
 - b) A detailed request, citing the facility or program in question, the proposed name, and;
 - c) Justification, including such relevant information as the nature and duration of the individual's affiliation with the University System or constituent institution. If the naming is a stipulation of the gift, the request must explain the proposed arrangement. If the gift is for the construction or renovation of a facility, the following information should be included:
 - A timetable for project implementation;
 - If the gift is for a new facility or program, the relationship of the project to the institution's long-range plans;
 - Operating budget implications, and sources of funds; and
 - d) A copy of the gift contract and/or pledge agreement must be filed with the request for approval.
 - e) If there is no gift in connection with a naming opportunity, a written substantive rationale for departing from the policy should be provided.
- J. Each university president shall determine the appropriate level of gift support required to name scholarships, fellowships, and professorships, and any other naming opportunities that do not require Board approval (e.g., rooms, patios). Gifts for these naming opportunities may be in cash and/or a legally binding pledge instrument.
- K. No later than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, each university president shall provide a report to the Development Committee regarding the naming of all facilities (including rooms and small areas of buildings, and minor portions of campus grounds), programs, scholarships, fellowships, professorships and any other project during the course of the fiscal year that did not require approval of the Board, together with the detail of associated gifts and contributions.
- L. No later than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, each university president shall provide the Development Committee with a schedule of naming opportunities at his university.

5. **DEFINITIONS**

- A. "Cost to construct or substantially renovate a facility" means the total project cost. If a facility more than three years old is being named, the "cost to construct" the facility means the present value of the total project cost.
- B. "Annual operating budget" means the total personal services cost for faculty and staff, as well as operating expenses.