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Date: TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020

**SUBJECT: APPROVE NAMING OF UNIVERSITY ELEMENTS**

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve the naming of the problem-based learning classroom within the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, currently located in Classroom 101 on the first floor of the College of Medicine's main building, BC-71, the "Problem-Based Learning Classroom in Memory of Morton E. Frank".

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

#### **Donation:**

Diane Frank is pledging a gift of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for a recognition opportunity by naming the problem-based learning classroom within the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, currently located in Classroom 101 on the first floor of the College of Medicine's main building, BC-71, the "Problem-Based Learning Classroom in Memory of Morton E. Frank".

#### **Gift Purpose:**

Diane Frank is a long-time Boca Raton resident who has followed closely the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine. She has many physicians in her family and has determined that some of her philanthropy should support future physicians. The purpose of the Donor in making this \$25,000 gift is to provide for unrestricted support for educational and/or research opportunities to students and/or faculty of the College of Medicine.

#### **Donor's Background:**

Diane E. Frank is chairperson for Lab-Aids, Inc. In 1980, Diane left her teaching position in Wake County, North Carolina to join Lab-Aids. During Diane's tenure at Lab-Aids, she has developed many products.

In 1963, Morton E. "Mort" Frank (d. 2012), started Lab-Aids, Inc. in his basement. At that time, Mort was a science teacher. He recognized that there was a need for easy-to-use, hands-on-material for science teachers to use with their students. Three years after starting the company, he left his teaching position at Cold Spring Harbor High School on Long Island to devote his attention to the growing company.

Lab-Aids, Inc. expanded across the United States into Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington. NY Lab-Aids, Inc., a subsidiary, collaborated with the Lawrence Hall of Science at the University of California, Berkeley to produce kits and to publish for their Science Education for Public Understanding Program (SEPUP).

In 1970 and through Lab-Aids, Inc., Mort applied for a U.S. patent for a chemical testing apparatus used in the teacher and student science kits. The patent was granted in 1972, and it expired March 27, 2020.

Through their association at Lab-Aids, Mort and Diane met and eventually married. In 2007-2008, Mort and Diane Frank retired from their positions as CEO and vice president. The couple lived in Suffolk County, New York until Mort's death in 2012.

In 2013, Diane moved to Florida. She resides in Boca Raton.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Cost of signage and installation - TBD upon completion of current renovations at the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine.

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

Installation of signage: TBD upon completion of current renovations at the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine.

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