



Item: IX.c.

May 20, 2014

**SUBJECT:     APPROVE NAMING OF AUDITORIUM AT THE CHARLES E. SCHMIDT  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve Naming the Auditorium at the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine in honor of Ira and June Gelb.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATON**

The mission of the FAU Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine is to educate physicians and scientists to meet the healthcare needs of Florida, to conduct biomedical research to advance knowledge, which improves patient care, and to serve patients and communities with competence, compassion and respect.

On April 7, 2010, the Florida Board of Governors made a landmark decision and authorized FAU to award the M.D. degree. Legislation authorizing FAU's medical education program was passed by the Florida Legislature on April 22, 2010 and signed into law by the Governor on May 15, 2010, thereby making it an independent medical school becoming only the 134th allopathic (M.D.) medical school in North America. FAU's medical school benefitted from the strong support from the state of Florida Board of Governors and the Florida Legislature, and is fully funded for its total enrollment of 256 students. On June 23, 2010, the FAU Board of Trustees officially renamed the Charles E. Schmidt College of Biomedical Science to the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine. In early February 2011, FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine received preliminary accreditation from the LCME, the accrediting authority for all medical education programs leading to a medical degree in U.S. and Canadian medical schools. The LCME is a joint committee of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and the American Medical Association (AMA).

FAU's new medical school recruits and educates a diverse student population who will live, work and serve in our communities. The new medical school helps to advance South Florida's health care communities by providing quality, affordable medical education and access to first-rate medical care among our underserved populations.

## **ACTION REQUESTED**

June and Ira Gelb are long-time supporters of FAU. Ira is a renowned cardiologist, a volunteer senior academic advisor to the dean for pre-baccalaureate programs, and a volunteer director emeritus of cardiology in FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine. June and Ira have pledged \$250,000 to the College of Medicine to increase their scholarship endowment, which will support the College's ability to attract high quality students. In recognition of their most recent gift, we request to name the first floor auditorium in the College of Medicine in their honor, the "***Ira and June Gelb Auditorium***".

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

June 2014 – installation of signage

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Cost of signage and installation: \$2,000

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