Item: CG: A-1d

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, June 19, 2023

SUBJECT: APPROVE NAMING OF UNIVERSITY ELEMENTS

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Recommend that the BoT approves naming a classroom within the ADHUS/FAU High School Complex. The classroom will be named the "Fonoage Family Classroom."

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Donation:

Mihai and Mirela Fonoage are donating $25,000 to provide support to the Cane Institute and name a classroom in the ADHUS/FAU High School Complex.

Gift Purpose:

The gift will be used to assist with the planning, financing, constructing, equipping and operation of the ADHUS/FAU High School Complex, under the direction and within the discretion of the Assistant Dean of PK-12 Educational Programs.

Donor's Background:

Mihai Fonoage, Ph.D. serves as Vice President of Engineering for Modernizing Medicine. In May 2010, Mr. Fonoage began as an intern at Modernizing Medicine and, after completing his doctorate at Florida Atlantic University, became the company's first employee. Over the years he has served in several roles including mobile software engineer, director of mobile development, and associate vice president of mobile strategy and user experience. Mr. Fonoage serves as a

member on several advisory boards including Nova Southeastern University College of Computing and Engineering, South Florida Tech Hub's Education & Talent Committee as well as Florida Atlantic University's advisory boards for the Stiles-Nicholson STEM Teacher Academy for FAU/FAU Lab Schools and the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Industry Council for the College of Engineering and Computer Science. He volunteers as a mentor for Take Stock in Children Palm Beach County. Mihai Fonoage earned his B.S. in Computer Science from Technical University of Cluj Napoca (Romania) in 2005. He moved to the United States in 2006 where he earned his Ph.D. in Computer Science from Florida Atlantic University in 2010.

Mirela I. Fonoage, Ph.D. serves as Advanced Driver Assistance Systems Technical Leader, Software Architecture for Ford Motor Company. Since 2017, she has held various roles at Ford including senior software application developer and technical expert. Prior to Ford, she served as a software application developer for BlackBerry. She earned a B.S. in Computer Science from Technical University of Cluj Napoca (Romania) in 2006. She moved to the United States in 2006 where she earned her Ph.D. in Computer Science from Florida Atlantic University in 2010.

The couple and their family reside in Boca Raton, Florida.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Cost of signage and installation funded to be determined.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

Implementation date is to be determined.

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