



Item: VII.e.

Date: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

SUBJECT: APPROVE NAMING OF UNIVERSITY ELEMENTS

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the naming of the Video Board within The Burrow the "Shapiro Family Video Board".

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Donation:

Steven and Elizabeth Shapiro are donating Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) for a recognition opportunity by naming the Video Board within The Burrow.

Gift Purpose:

The gift will be used to renovate and enhance the FAU Arena ("The Burrow") and the operations of FAU's Men's and Women's Basketball Programs. In continued pursuit of growing FAU's Athletics brand on a national level, these renovations will help enhance Florida Atlantic University and Boca Raton. The renovations and investment into the operations of FAU programs will also positively impact its overall student athlete experience, helping to allow FAU student athletes to excel in the classroom and in competition.

This initiative exemplifies FAU's drive to enhance its stature and visibility nationally and internationally.

The FAU Arena plays a central role to elevate FAU's standing and the renovations will benefit students, community members and student athletes.

Donor's Background:

Dr. Steven M. Shapiro, a pulmonologist, is a partner with Best Practices Medical Partners in Fort Lauderdale, has served as chief of staff for Broward Medical Center and as chief medical officer for Applied Medical Solutions.

Dr. Shapiro has a B.S. from the University at Buffalo and an M.D. from SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Dr. Shapiro is the current chair of the Board of Trustees for St. Andrew's School in Boca Raton. He and his wife, Elizabeth, reside in Boca Raton.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Cost of signage and installation - TBD upon renovation and installation of the Video Board at The Burrow.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

Installation of signage: TBD upon renovation and installation of the Video Board at The Burrow.

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