



**Item: VI.b.b.**

**Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

**SUBJECT: APPROVE NAMING OF UNIVERSITY ELEMENTS**

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve naming of the lobby of the Kurt and Marilyn Wallach Holocaust and Jewish Studies Building. The proposed name of this space will be the "Marilyn and Jay Weinberg Grand Lobby."

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

#### **Donation:**

Marilyn and Jay Weinberg are donating \$1,000,000 to name the main lobby of the Kurt and Marilyn Wallach Holocaust and Jewish Studies Building and to establish the Marilyn and Jay Weinberg Endowment.

#### **Gift Purpose:**

A portion of this gift (\$750,000) will be used to establish a named endowment to provide unrestricted funding for activities occurring in the Kurt and Marilyn Wallach Holocaust and Jewish Studies Building, including, faculty, staff and student support, equipment, programming, needed care and maintenance of the facility, other related activities and more. The remaining portion of the gift (\$250,000) is for the construction, design and furnishing of a lounge area(s) within the grand lobby for students and visitors to sit and relax prior to classes and programs, with any funds remaining following construction to be deposited into the Marilyn and Jay Weinberg Endowment.

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

Marilyn K. Weinberg is a philanthropist. She has served for charity organizations in Florida and Virginia. In 2004, Mrs. Weinberg and her late spouse, Marvin B. Simon (deceased 2006), established the Marilyn and Marvin Simon Family Jewish Community Center, now known as the Simon Family Jewish Community Center, in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The couple also established the Simon Family Foundation to provide a permanent endowment to benefit the Tidewater Jewish Foundation.

Jay M. Weinberg served as attorney and partner for Hirschler, Fleischer, Weinberg, Cox & Allen in Richmond, Virginia from 1959 until his retirement in 2009. From 1960 to 1968, Mr. Weinberg served as a lecturer for the University of Virginia Law School; and in 1963, he was a contributor to the Fordham Law Review. He has served as a member of the board of directors for First Capital Bancorp, Inc. and Markel Corporation. During his career, he was the recipient of the William B. Thalhimer Sr. Young Leadership award (1967) and the Brotherhood Citation award (1985). He earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1954 and a Bachelor of Laws in 1959 from the University of Virginia.

Mr. Weinberg and his late spouse, Sondra “Sunny” Weinberg (deceased 2005), were recognized by the Virginia Holocaust Museum for their philanthropic leadership. They also established a scholarship at Virginia Commonwealth University and a lectureship at the University of Richmond.

Jay Weinberg served as member of the board for FAU Foundation from 2013 to 2022. In December 2022, he was awarded the President’s Medallion Award by FAU.

The couple resides in Boca Raton, Florida.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Cost of signage and installation - TBD

### **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

Installation of signage: TBD

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