



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

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

**SUBJECT: APPROVE NAMING OF UNIVERSITY ELEMENTS**

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve naming of the Student Computer Lab and Study Lounge on the first floor of Building SO-44 in the College of Social Work and Criminal Justice. The proposed name of this space will be the "Sandler Family Student Lounge."

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

#### **Donation:**

Andrew Sandler is donating \$25,000 for a recognition opportunity to name the Student Computer Lab and Study Lounge in the College of Social Work and Criminal Justice.

#### **Gift Purpose:**

The purpose of the Donor in making this gift to the College of Social Work and Criminal Justice is to provide funding in support of the College's initiatives and other needs.

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

Andrew Sandler is Harvey Sandler's son, and with this gift, he continues to build upon the Sandler Family's legacy of giving to support the important work of the Phyllis and Harvey Sandler School of Social Work, which Phyllis and Harvey named with a generous gift of \$7,000,000 in 2017.

Mr. Sandler joined Sandler Capital Management in 1991. Sandler Capital Management, an alternative asset management firm, was founded by his father Harvey Sandler (1942-2020). Andrew Sandler is head of Sandler Capital Management's hedge fund business and has served as portfolio manager for its flagship hedge funds since 1997. Before joining Sandler Capital, he was a research analyst with Perry Partners. He earned a B.S. in finance from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1988.

Mr. Sandler is the founder and CEO of Polo Reef. He and his team recreate the ocean through complex and privately operated marine aquaria. Polo Reef's mission is to educate the public about oceans and aquariums, reef keeping and conservation, and supporting reef research. In 2022, Mr. Sandler presented *Modeling the Ocean: The Conservation and Science of Marine Aquariums*, at Florida Atlantic University through the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science.

Mr. Sandler also serves as secretary and director for Sandler Capital Management Capital Foundation. The foundation supports organizations primarily in New York and Florida. In 2022, he established and serves as director for Jacara Foundation, Inc., an independent foundation in Boca Raton, Florida. He serves as a trustee of the Board of Trustees for Sunrise Association, a New York non-profit organization that provides pediatric oncology camps and in-hospital programs for children with cancer and their siblings.

Mr. Sandler is married to Aurily C. Sandler, and they reside in Old Westbury, New York.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Cost of signage and installation – TBD

### **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

Installation of signage: TBD

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