

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Academic and Student Affairs**

**AGENDA ITEM: 3 – B.2**

**DATE: October 6-8, 2015**

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**SUBJECT: Naming Requests – SDSU – Testing Center, Morrill Hall, & Stanley J. Marshall Center**

South Dakota State University requests authorization to change the names of three existing structures.

**Ethel Austin Martin building to Testing Center**

A building currently named the Ethel Austin Martin building would be renamed as the Testing Center. The building originally housed the Ethel Austin Martin Nutrition program, but the program moved to Wecota Hall. The EAM building was used for storage until last summer when the stored Ethel Austin Martin Nutrition program materials were relocated to Wecota Hall. The building is currently being remodeled to house the Testing Center.

The gift that supports the Ethel Austin Martin Nutrition program predated the use of the building, which originally served as an annex supporting biology programs. Hence, there is no impediment to renaming this structure. The new name will designate the structure’s programmatic function.

**Administration Building to Morrill Hall**

Land grant universities commonly recognize Vermont Senator Justin S. Morrill, author of the Morrill Act that established the land grant university system, and President Abraham Lincoln, who signed the Act into law. SDSU has a building known as Lincoln Hall, which originally served as its library. In recognition of the centenary of the Administration Building’s entry into use, the university proposes to rename it to honor the author of the legislation that defined the land grant mission and provided funding sources to assist territories and states to establish such institutions.

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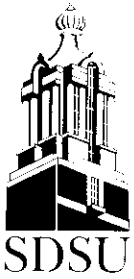
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**RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

I move that the Board authorize South Dakota State University to rename the Ethel Austin Martin building as the Testing Center, the Administration Building as Morrill Hall, and the Stanly J. Marshall HPER Center to the Stanly J. Marshall Center.

**Stanly J. Marshall HPER Center to Stanly J. Marshall Center**

The Stanly J. Marshall HPER Center was named to commemorate Stan Marshall, who served as SDSU athletic director from 1965 to 1980. The “HPER” in the name for one of SDSU’s principal indoor sports venues reflects the name for the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. That department no longer exists. It was merged into the Department of Health and Nutrition, components of which operate from Wagner Hall and other components of which from the Barn. Hence, removing “HPER” merely removes an anachronistic element in the facility name.



South Dakota  
State University

September 14, 2015

Michael Rush, Ed.D.  
Executive Director/CEO  
South Dakota Board of Regents  
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Dear Mike,

In accordance with South Dakota State University's naming policy and the Board of Regents' naming policy, I am forwarding for consideration by the Regents the following three building name requests:

- Ethel Austin Martin (EAM) building to **Testing Center**
- Administration Building to **Morrill Hall**
- Stanley J. Marshall HPER Center to **Stanley J. Marshall Center**

Details of the request are presented in the attached memo from Provost Laurie Nichols, dated September 11, 2015.

I approve the naming requests and ask that the Regents consider in executive session approval of the names of the three buildings listed above at their October 6-8, 2015 meeting.

If approved, a letter to you will be submitted asking for formal approval of the naming of the Testing Center, Morrill Hall, and the Stanley J. Marshall Center at the December 2015 Board of Regents meeting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David L. Chicoine, Ph.D.  
President

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Attachment

cc Jim Shekleton, General Counsel, Board of Regents  
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September 11, 2015

To: David L. Chicoine, President

From: Laurie Nichols, Provost

*Laurie Nichols*

RE: Recommendation to rename three campus facilities

The South Dakota State University Naming Committee has reviewed and recommended approval of three building renaming requests. In compliance with the university's naming policy and the BOR Naming Policy 1:27, I am transmitting the request to you and ask that you recommend the request to the Board of Regents for approval.

The first request is to rename the Ethel Austin Martin (EAM) building to the "Testing Center" to be effective January 1, 2016. The Testing Center will be relocating to this building over the semester break so construction can begin on the Alumni Green. The Ethel Austin Martin Nutrition program moved from the small EAM building to the top floor of Wecota Hall several years ago. Recently the EAM building has been used for storage of materials. Last summer we reassigned additional 4<sup>th</sup> floor Wecota space to the EAM Nutrition program and were able to consolidate their materials. This, in turn, vacated the Ethel Austin Martin building, which is currently being remodeled to house the Testing Center.

The second request is to rename the Administration Building to "Morrill Hall" to honor Justin S. Morrill, who sponsored the Morrill Act, also known as the Land Grant College Act. This act was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862, and established federal funding for higher education in every state of the country. It is common for land-grant universities to have buildings named for both Morrill and Lincoln to honor these distinguished founders. Lincoln Hall was originally the library for SDSU and now houses the Music department. By adding Morrill's name to a campus building, SDSU will honor both individuals who were so significant in creating the public higher education system we enjoy today. In reviewing possibilities for naming a Morrill Hall, the Administration Building seemed most appropriate. Built in 1912, the President's office along with other central administration has been located in the building ever since. An addition was completed in 1918 which is the current north wing of the building. As we celebrate a century of an iconic, historical SDSU building, it seemed appropriate to rename it Morrill Hall as we commemorate 153 years of the Land Grant system, 134 years of SDSU, and 100 years of the Administration building.

The third request is simply to delete the letters "HPER" from the Stanley J. Marshall Center. Currently the name of the building is the Stanley J. Marshall HPER Center. We are requesting that the name be shortened to "Stanley J. Marshall Center". The Stanley J. Marshall Center is the home of the athletic department and includes Frost arena. The department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation no longer exists as it was merged into a new department of Health and Nutrition nearly 5 years ago. The Department of Health and Nutrition is housed in Wagner Hall (nutrition component) and the Barn (health and athletic training components). This is simply clean up to delete an old academic department name.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

*Approved  
David L. Chicoine  
9-14-2015*