

**Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees
April 17, 2012**

SUBJECT: Resolution to Name Academic Building 5 the “Charles B. Edwards Hall”

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Adopt resolution to recommend approval by Board of Governors

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Charles B. Edwards holds a significant role in the founding and development of Florida’s 10th state university, now known as Florida Gulf Coast University. The proposed naming resolution recognizes his service to the State of Florida, Southwest Florida, and Florida Gulf Coast University with the naming of Academic Building 5 in his honor.

The proposed resolution to name the “Charles B. Edwards Hall” (“*Edwards Hall*”) is in keeping with this area of the campus’ buildings named for individuals who made significant contributions to FGCU through their exceptional leadership and vision – “Ben Hill Griffin III Hall” (“*Griffin Hall*”), “Charles B. Reed Hall” (“*Reed Hall*”), “W. Thomas Howard Hall” (“*Howard Hall*”), “Roy E. McTarnaghan Hall” (“*McTarnaghan Hall*”), and “William C. Merwin Hall” (“*Merwin Hall*”).

The naming recommendation is presented in accordance with FGCU Policy 1.011 “Namings of University Buildings and Facilities.” Pursuant to section “Non-Gift-Related Naming – A.3” of the Policy, the building or facility naming for an active member of the State University System (faculty, staff, student, or trustee) must be approved by the Board of Governors. Mr. Edwards is a member of the University of Florida Board of Trustees.

Supporting Documentation Included: Resolution for Recommended Action
(NOTE: News stories detailing Mr. Edwards’ above-described contributions start in the 1980s and are too voluminous to attach here)

Prepared by: Chief of Staff & University Spokesperson Susan Evans

Legal Review by: N/A

Submitted by: FGCU Board of Trustees Chair Larry Hart, and President Wilson G. Bradshaw

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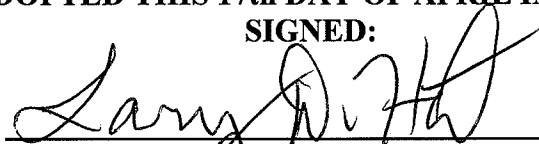
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