

USF St. Petersburg Campus Board October 2, 2009

Issue: Building Name Change

Proposed action: The Campus Board authorizes the Interim Regional Chancellor to secure the necessary approvals to change the building name from the Florida Center for Teachers to the Peter Rudy Wallace Florida Center for Teachers

Background information:

The University of South Florida St. Petersburg wishes to recognize the contributions of Mr. Peter Rudy Wallace by naming the Florida Center for Teachers, The Peter Rudy Wallace Florida Center for Teachers.

- This is in celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the Building, a building Mr. Wallace assisted in funding;
- This recognizes the significant contribution made in public service to the State of Florida and to St. Petersburg by Mr. Peter Rudy Wallace;
- This is recognition for service to the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

Peter R. Wallace is a St. Petersburg native and alumnus of St. Petersburg High School, a 1976 magnum cum laude graduate of Harvard College and a 1979 cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School.

Upon graduating from law school Mr. Wallace clerked for Judge Paul H. Roney on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and then joined a St. Petersburg law firm. He was elected to the Florida House of Representatives from a district in St. Petersburg in 1982 and served until 1996. For three consecutive years, he was selected by the Miami Herald as the most effective member of the House.

During his final two years in office Mr. Wallace was Speaker of the House, the only person from Pinellas County ever to serve in that post. In 2000, he returned to the practice of law with the St. Petersburg firm of Skelton, Willis, Bennett & Wallace, LLP.

He is the recipient of the *1000 Friends of Florida Bill Sadowski Award* (1992), and served as a Board member for the Florida Children's Campaign and the Pinellas County Education Foundation. His wife, Helen Pruitt Wallace, is a professor of creative writing at Eckerd College. Their children are Daniel, 24, and Hannah, 21.

This proposal is in accordance with:

- (1) The 2009 Florida Statutes, Title XVII, Chapter 267, History. –ss. 1,2, ch71-267; s. 50, ch 86-163; s.7, ch2001-199; s. 5 ch 2007-246
- (2) The Board of Governors: Authority; Section 7(d), Art IX, Fla. Const., History – Formerly 6C-9.005, 11-3-72, Amended 12-17-74, 8-11-85, Amended and Renumbered as 9.005, 3-27-08
- (3) The University of South Florida System Policy 0-220; Revised 9-20-05

Strategic Goal(s) Item Supports: Goal III

Workgroup Review: November 19 Academic and Campus Environment Workgroup

Supporting Documentation:

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