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AGENDA ITEM NO. _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

REQUEST FOR DECISION

FORWARDED TO: BOARD OF GOVERNORS ON
RECOMMENDATION OF
PRESIDENT STEPHEN J. TOOPE

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

Stephen J. Toope

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PRESENTED BY: Stephen Owen, Vice President, External, Legal, and
Community Relations
Nancy Knight, Associate Vice President, Campus and
Community Planning

DATE OF MEETING: June 3, 2009

SUBJECT: Naming of Campus Facilities

DECISION REQUESTED: That, in accordance with Policy 124, the Board of
Governors approve the following recommendation
forwarded by the President from the May 7, 2009
meeting of the President's Advisory Committee on the
Naming of Facilities for the Class 1 Facility:

'That the "Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre" be
approved for the Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre.'

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Policy #124: Naming establishes the process for approving names for facilities, chairs and professorships, and academic institutions by the Board of Governors. Class 1 facility approvals are submitted to the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the President and the President's Advisory Committee on the Naming of Facilities. This report conveys the May 7, 2009 Committee recommendation to rename the Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre.

B. REPORT

Background:

An application for a Class 1 Facility approval was received from the Associate Vice President Development to rename the “Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre” at 6066 Thunderbird Boulevard to become the “Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre.”

The internal review process for names for Class 1 facilities includes consideration by the President’s Advisory Committee on the Naming of Facilities. The Committee recommends names to the President who then forwards the Committee recommendations to the Board of Governors for final approval. The Province of British Columbia is involved in the external review of certain campus facilities and UBC Government Relations is responsible for securing provincial government approvals. Board of Governors approval of the “Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre” will be subject to provincial government approvals being secured (Policy 124, Article 2.3.5).

Discussion:

Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre: The proposal to rename the Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre is to recognize a distinguished UBC Alumnus and donor. The recently redeveloped facility is a sports complex containing three ice rinks, UBC Sports Hall of Fame, fitness space and office space (see attached Map 2). This facility will be used for women’s and men’s hockey games for the 2010 Olympics and sledge hockey games for the Paralympic Games.

Doug Mitchell graduated from UBC Law School in 1962. Following a short career in the Canadian Football League, Mr. Mitchell returned to Calgary to practice law. While Doug and Lois Mitchell make their home in Calgary, they continue to support the efforts of UBC on many fronts including hosting events with the UBC Alumni Association and the UBC Faculty of Law. Lois Mitchell has committed to raise \$10M for the sports centre. To date, \$7.5M has been pledged. Campus and Community Planning have secured the required internal approvals, including support from UBC Athletics for the “Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre.”

At its meeting held May 7, 2009, the President’s Advisory Committee on the Naming of Facilities recommended that the name be approved. According to Article 2.3.5 of Policy 124, the Class 1 recommendations are being forwarded by the President to the Board of Governors for approval.

Further Action Required Following Board Decision:

UBC Government Relations will secure Provincial Government approval for the “Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre.”

ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Map: Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre

