

**D-12. CONSTRUCTION OF STATUES, MONUMENTS, AND OTHER ITEMS OF RECOGNITION POLICY**

Statues or monuments will be erected on the University property only for persons, entities, or event that has made outstanding, meritorious and long-lasting contributions to the University, or who otherwise have strong connections to the University and have attained the highest level of distinction in their fields of endeavor. Other types of recognitions, including but not limited to plaques and historical markers, will be erected only in recognition of significant events of lasting importance to the University.

**POLICY PROCEDURES**

Requests or proposals for erecting any statue, monument, or other type of permanent display of recognition on the University property must be made in writing to the Vice President for Advancement by the administrative head, dean, director, Vice President, or Provost of the relevant program, school, campus, or other are of the University to which the person being recognized is most closely associated. When the erecting of statues, monuments, or other types of recognition on campus is a part of a private fundraising effort or campaign, all aspects of the fundraising and commemoration process must be included process will be considered including, without limitation, commissioning and building the statue, monument, or other recognition, preparing the erection site, and erecting the piece.

Upon receipt of a request or a proposal described in the preceding paragraph, the Vice President for Development shall review such request or proposal and shall submit a copy of the same, together with its recommendation regarding what action the University should take with respect to such request or proposal, to the University President.

When the request is to place a plaque or similar recognition at the site of a building, structure or other location that has previously been named for, or has otherwise been designated to honor or commemorate, the person, entity, or event to be identified on such plaque by prior action of the Board of Trustees, the University President is authorized to approve the placement of the same without further action of the Board of Trustees. In all other cases, upon receipt of a request or proposal and the recommendation of the Vice President for Development as described in the preceding paragraph, the University President should review and submit a copy of the same, together with its recommendation regarding what action the University should take with respect to such request or proposal, to the *President Pro Tem* of the Board of Trustees.

If, upon receipt and review of the request or proposal and the recommendations of the Vice President for Development and the University President as described in the preceding paragraphs, the *President Pro Tem* of the Board of Trustees concurs that the request or proposal should be submitted to the full Board of Trustees for final review and approval, then the *President Pro Tem* of the Board of Trustees shall forward a copy of the request or proposal, together with the recommendations of the Vice President for Development and the University President and any other relevant or supporting information, to each member of the Board of Trustees for further review, and such item shall be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Board of Trustees for which the agenda has not yet been fixed.

Final approval of any statue, monument, or other type of recognition be erected on campus must be obtained by a vote in an open session of at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the members of the Board of Trustees who are present at such meeting and who are entitled to vote on the matter. Notwithstanding the forgoing, issues, concerns, and objections, if any, concerning approving the request or proposal or relating the general reputation and character of any person, entity, or event to be commemorated pursuant to the request or proposal, shall be discussed in an executive session of the

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Board of Trustees. For the avoidance of doubt, no person or entity may promise or make any promise, binding offer, or commitment concerning the erecting of any statue, monument, or other type of recognition that would require approval by the Board of Trustees pursuant to this policy without first obtaining the approval of the Board of Trustees prior to making such promise, binding offer, or commitment regarding the same.

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