Resolution: DeNorval Unthank, Jr. Hall

Whereas, the University of Oregon (University) intends to open Building A, a new residence hall located on the northeast corner of Agate Street and 15th Avenue, for academic year 2020-2021;

Whereas, in June 2017, the Board of Trustees named a wing of Hamilton Hall after DeNorval Unthank, Jr., following an extensive community process to solicit, vet, and recommend possible names;

Whereas, Unthank was a UO alumnus (Architecture, ’51) who made lasting personal and professional contributions to the University of Oregon, the Eugene-Springfield community, and the State of Oregon;

Whereas, Unthank was a highly-regarded architect who designed many impactful buildings in Portland and throughout the local region, including McKenzie Hall and Justice Bean Hall on the UO campus;

Whereas, Unthank also served as a visiting lecturer and associate professor at the University for fifteen years;

Whereas, Hamilton Hall will be torn down in approximately two years, following the completion of the University’s housing transformation project, but the University wishes to continue honoring Unthank’s legacy through a building name; and,

Whereas, Section 1.7.1 of the University of Oregon’s Policy on the Retention and Delegation of Authority and the UO’s policy on naming buildings require approval by the Board for the naming of any university building or outdoor area in recognition of an individual.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon hereby permanently names Building A, the new residence hall at the corner of Agate Street and 15th Avenue, DeNorval Unthank, Jr. Hall. The Board further authorizes the President or his designee(s) to take all actions necessary and proper to execute this decision. To avoid confusion given the existing wing of Hamilton Hall named after Unthank, the Board hereby renames that wing of Hamilton Hall Cedar Hall.

Vote Recorded on Following Page
Moved: ___ Wilcox ___  Seconded: ___ Hornecker ___

VOTE: Voice Vote Recorded – Ayes carried (no dissention)

DATE: May 19, 2021

Recorded by the University Secretary: