Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon

Resolution: Renaming Dunn Hall

Whereas, Mr. Frederick S. Dunn was the head of an organization that supported racism, persecution and violence against Oregonians because of the color of their skin and religious beliefs;

Whereas, because of his egregious actions and his leadership within the Ku Klux Klan, the university recommends removal of his name from the building with which it is associated; and,

Whereas, Section 1.7.1 of the University of Oregon’s Policy on the Retention and Delegation of Authority requires approval by the Board for the naming of any university building or outdoor area in recognition of individuals, and the removal of a name currently recognizing an individual from a building or outdoor area is of such significance and extraordinary circumstance that it should only be done upon affirmative action of the Board;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon hereby orders the removal of Frederick S. Dunn’s name from its associated residence hall effective immediately and hereby temporarily renames the wing Cedar Hall. The Board further authorizes the President or his designee(s) to take all actions necessary and proper to execute this decision. The Board intends to consider a recommendation from the President regarding a new, permanent name for the facility within the current fiscal year.

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

DATE: September 8, 2016

Recorded by the University Secretary: 

Note for online reference: Any materials or exhibits referenced in this approved resolution can be found in the meeting’s materials posted at https://trustees.uoregon.edu.