## SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL:		CS/SB 2108				
SPONSOR:		Education Committee and Senator Saunders				
SUBJECT:		Designations/University Buildings				
DATE:		March 12, 2002 REVISED:				
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## I. Summary:

This bill authorizes the University of Florida, the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, the University of Central Florida, the Florida Gulf Coast University, the Palmer Campus of New College, and the Florida Atlantic University to name certain buildings on their campuses. It designates a road and a pavilion for Senate President John McKay.

This bill creates several undesignated sections of Florida law. The Division of Statutory Revision will determine whether they are included in the Florida Statutes or remain as laws.

#### II. Present Situation:

Section 267.062, F.S., requires approval in law before naming a state building or other facility for a living person. Any university name designation must first be approved by the Board of Trustees of each separate university and by the Florida Board of Education before consideration by the Legislature.

#### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

**Section 1:** Designates the renovated transplant housing unit at the University of Florida's Shands Hospital as the "Gerold L. Schiebler/Shands Transplant Housing Complex."

An anonymous donor contributed approximately \$600,000 cash and in-kind gifts to renovate the transplant housing unit at Shands Hospital. This donor wishes to name the renovated facility in honor of **Dr. Gerold L. Schiebler.** Dr. Schiebler has served the University of Florida and the State of Florida for more than 40 years. During that time he initiated several programs to improve the health and lives of children and high-risk pregnant women. Dr. Schiebler has received multiple honors and awards for his dedication to Florida's children.

<u>Section 2:</u> Designates the School of Business and Industry building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) as the "Sybil C. Mobley Business Building."

**Dean Mobley** has served FAMU for more than two decades and is the founding dean of the FAMU School of Business and Industry. Under her leadership the School of Business and Industry has prepared minority students to compete internationally in the world of business.

Section 3: Designates the new allied health building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the "Jacqueline B. Beck-Margaret W. Lewis Allied Health Building."

As Dean of the FAMU School of Nursing, **Dr. Margaret W. Lewis** has molded, shaped and nurtured the university's nursing program for more than 13 years. **Jacqueline B. Beck** has the distinction of being the founder and first Dean of the FAMU School of Allied Health Sciences. Dean Beck has been vigilant in expanding the school's programs and has worked to secure funding for research and academic programs from federal, state, and local sources totaling more than \$13 million.

<u>Section 4:</u> Designates the architecture building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the "Walter L. Smith Architecture Building."

**Dr. Walter L. Smith** served from 1977 to 1985 as FAMU's seventh president. Under his leadership and vision, FAMU was granted authority to offer its first Doctorate of Philosophy degree, was instrumental in the merging of the FAMU/FSU College of Engineering, and developed the statewide Conference on the Education of Blacks, which resulted in the Florida Legislature developing and funding the Florida Statewide Advisory Committee on the Education of Blacks.

Section 5: Designates the building which houses the University of Central Florida (UCF) Downtown Center as the "James and Annie Ying Academic Center."

**James and Annie Ying** are the parents of Dr. Nelson Ying, who made a significant gift to the university in 2001. Dr. Ying has supported UCF over the past several years with contributions to multiple scholarships and programs. Dr. Ying has served two terms as a member of the Board of Directors of the UCF Foundation and is now an emeritus member of that Board. The building that houses the UCF Downtown Center will be named the **Academic Center**, after Dr. Ying's parents.

<u>Section 6:</u> Designates the student/community educational facility for health at Florida Gulf Coast University as the "Kleist Health Education Center."

**Peter D. Kleist and Eleanore A Kleist** are residents of Fort Myers, Florida, and have been generous benefactors of higher education throughout the United Stated for many years. The Kleists, through their foundation, are providing \$1 million for the center.

**Section 7:** Designates the new gymnasium/athletics facility at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) as the "Alico Arena."

Under the leadership of Ben Hill Griffin III, **Alico, Inc.** donated 760 acres for the campus site, a 215-acre land endowment and funding for road construction, and academic chairs for the state's tenth university. Alico, Inc. is now providing \$2 million for an enhanced addition to the gymnasium floor plan to include additional seating and academic space for instructional programs. In addition, another \$1.5 million will support operations for the FGCU athletics program, and another \$1.5 million will provide scholarships for FGCU students bringing the total commitment to \$5 million.

Section 8: Designates the new demonstration and educational model building to promote environmentally sustainable living conditions at FGCU as the "WCI Green Building Demonstration and Learning Center."

The WCI Green Building Demonstration and Learning Center will be used as a demonstration and education model building to promote environmentally sustainable living conditions. **WCI Communities** has provided the lead gift of \$350,000 for the \$1,000,000 center.

**Section 9:** Designates the new foundation building to be erected on the Palmer Campus of New College as the "Keating Center."

**Edward and Elaine Keating** have been generous contributors to the New College Foundation since 1986. The Keatings' philanthropy has generously supported many community and charitable organizations within the Sarasota area. The New College Foundation building will be erected on the Palmer Campus of New College of Florida and called the Keating Center.

<u>Section 10:</u> Designates the new nursing building on the Boca Raton Campus of Florida Atlantic University (FAU) as the "Christine E. Lynn Nursing Building."

**Mrs. Christine E. Lynn** has donated \$10 million to Florida Atlantic University to be used for a new nursing building and a program endowment. Mrs. Lynn and her late husband, E.M. Lynch, are generous philanthropists who previously donated \$2.5 million to FAU.

<u>Section 11:</u> Designates the two east-west roads on the north and south sides of the Esplanade leading to the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art as the "John McKay Boulevard of the Cultural Arts."

<u>Section 12:</u> Designates the proposed entrance pavilion for the John and Mable Ringling museum of Art in Sarasota as the "John McKay Center for the Arts."

**John McKay** serves as President of the Florida Senate. He has achieved recognition for his work to improve the state of the arts in Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

<u>Section 13:</u> Designates the education and research center located at the IFAS-University of Florida Center in Fort Pierce as the "I.A. 'Mac' Mascioli Education and Research Center."

"Mac" Mascioli is an alumnus of the University of Florida who has spearheaded numerous education initiatives that promote access to higher education. He is an active community advocate on the Treasure Coast and has been a leader in economic development for St. Lucie County.

<u>Section 14:</u> Authorizes the universities to erect suitable markers for the designations authorized in the bill.

**Section 15:** Directs the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers for the boulevard named in the bill. At least one of the markers must be on U.S. Highway 41.

### IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

### V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The universities and Department of Transportation will incur the cost of erecting suitable markers for the newly designated buildings, usually about \$250 each.

#### VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

#### VII. Related Issues:

None.

# VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.