

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 1176

SPONSOR: Education Committee and Senator Saunders

SUBJECT: Designations/University Buildings

DATE: March 3, 2004

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Dormady</u>	<u>O'Farrell</u>	<u>ED</u>	<u>Favorable/CS</u>
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I. Summary:

CS/SB 1176 authorizes the University of Florida, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, the University of Central Florida, and Florida Gulf Coast University to name certain buildings on their campuses. The bill also authorizes or directs these universities to erect suitable markers for each name designation.

This bill creates an undesignated section of Florida law. The Division of Statutory Revision will determine whether it is included in the Florida Statutes or remains as a law.

The act will take effect July 1, 2004.

II. Present Situation:

Section 267.062, F.S., requires approval in law before naming a state building or other facility for a living person. Pursuant to this requirement, if a university wishes to name a building or facility after a living person, the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

Biographical information set forth below was provided by the state universities.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill authorizes the University of Florida, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, the University of Central Florida, and Florida Gulf Coast University to name certain buildings on their campuses. The bill also authorizes or directs these universities to erect suitable markers for each name designation.

Section 1. Designates the student community educational facility for health at Florida Gulf Coast University as the “Kleist Health Education Center.”

Peter D. and Eleanore A. Kleist are residents of Ft. Myers, Florida, and have been generous benefactors of higher education throughout the United States for many years. The Kleists, through their foundation, are providing \$1 million for the student/community educational facility for health at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Section 2. Designates the facility at Florida Gulf Coast University that will house the Resort and Hospitality Management Program as “Herbert J. and Margaret S. Sugden Hall.”

Herbert J. and Margaret S. Sugden provided \$4.2 million to build the facility for the Resort and Hospitality Management Program at Florida Gulf Coast University. The Sugdens, who are residents of Naples, Florida, have been generous benefactors of the arts, educational libraries, hospitals and church needs in the Naples area. Facilities in the community already bearing their names include the Sugden Community Park, the Sugden Community Theatre, the Sugden Auditorium at Naples Community Hospital, and the Sugden Welcome Center at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Section 3. Designates the building that houses the University of Central Florida 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.

Section 4. Designates the School of Business and Industry building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Sybil C. Mobley Business Building.”

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

Section 5. Designates the new Allied Health Building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Margaret W. Lewis/Jacqueline B. Beck 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.

Section 6. 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 Doctor 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 7. Designates the Archives Building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the "Carrie Meek/James N. Eaton, Sr. Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum."

Congresswoman Carrie Meek was the first African-American elected to Congress from Florida since Reconstruction. She has had a successful career as a public servant, college administrator and educator. Prior to serving in Congress, Representative Meek served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate, where she established herself as a skilled debater and one of the Legislature's most effective members. Congresswoman Meek has dedicated her life to serving the people of the State of Florida, especially minorities, the handicapped, children and the elderly.

Dr. James N. Eaton, Sr., is a Distinguished Professor of History and Director of the Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum at FAMU. Dr. Eaton has made numerous contributions to FAMU and its students through his 42 years as a history professor, including founding the Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum. Dr. Eaton has been selected as FAMU's Teacher of the Year 25 times and was the University's first Distinguished Professor.

Section 8. Designates the new Structures and Materials Research Laboratory for the College of Engineering at the University of Florida as "The Powell Family Structures and Materials Laboratory."

The Powell family has a long history with the University of Florida, including generations of University of Florida alumni. **Robert O. ("Bob") Powell** and **Ann Catherine Powell** maintain a longstanding commitment to the University of Florida, which includes participation in university organizations and service on the University of Florida Foundation's *It's Performance That Counts* Broward County Campaign Committee. The Powells have been members of the President's Council since 1993. They donated \$3 million to the University of Florida, which helped establish Powell Hall, the exhibit and public education facility for the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Section 9. Designates the track/soccer stadium at the University of Florida as the "James G. Pressly Track/Soccer Stadium."

James G. and Kathryn S. Pressly are active professionals in the Palm Beach community. Mr. Pressly is the president of Pressly & Pressly law firm and the Palm Beach County Bar Association. Mrs. Pressly manages the couple's rental properties in West Palm Beach and Gainesville. Both are members of the Palm Beach Civic Association. The Presslys have been Joint Distinguished Members of the President's Council since 1997 and are members of the

University of Florida Alumni Association. Mr. Pressly is a trustee emeritus of the University of Florida Law Center Association and serves on the Gator Booster Board. The Presslys have donated funds to the Freeland Eminent Scholar Chair, sponsored two book awards in the College of Law and supported the University of Florida's athletics programs, including their recent pledge for track/soccer facilities for the university.

Section 10. Designates the Academic Advising Center at the University of Florida as "Farrior Hall."

J. Rex Farrior, Jr. and Mary Lee Nunnally Farrior have played an integral role in the University of Florida's history. Mr. Farrior played football and received both a business and law degree from University of Florida. He is a member of the University of Florida Hall of Fame. Mr. Farrior served as the President of the University of Florida Alumni Association of Tampa and spent several years on the board of the University of Florida Foundation. He was a trustee of the Law Center Association and was a lecturer on the University of Florida campus. Mr. and Mrs. Farrior were Bull Gators and Cabinet Level members of the President's Council. Since Mr. Farrior's death, Mrs. Farrior has continued this commitment to the University of Florida by fulfilling their pledge to build an academic hall on campus.

Section 11. Designates the proposed band rehearsal facility at the University of Florida as "Steinbrenner Band Hall."

George M. Steinbrenner, III, has a long history as an entrepreneur, sports enthusiast, and philanthropist. Mr. Steinbrenner is best known as the owner of the New York Yankees, the New Jersey Nets and the New Jersey Devils. Beyond business and sports, Mr. Steinbrenner is known for his philanthropic generosity. He is the founder of both the Silver Shield and Gold Shield Foundations, which provide support to families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. He and his family have given millions of dollars to people in need. He has helped revamp the North Seminole Little League and salvaged the floundering Florida Folk Festival. Mr. Steinbrenner also maintains a strong connection to the University of Florida. He is a longtime member of both the Bull Gator Club and the President's Council, and has also served on the Veterinary Medicine Advisory Council and the University of Florida Foundation Board. He was elected to the University of Florida Athletic Hall of Fame in 1981 and gave the keynote speech at the Corporate Leaders Weekend in 1995. Mr. and Mrs. Steinbrenner have generously decided to support the construction of the Steinbrenner Band Hall.

Section 12. Redesignates the North-South Drive on the University of Florida campus as "Gale Lemerand Drive."

L. Gale Lemerand is well respected in the construction community and was named the Florida Entrepreneur of the Year in the Construction and Real Estate Division by Ernst & Young in 1995. Mr. Lemerand has served as the director of SunTrust Bank, WCEU –TV Channel 15 and Ormond Beach Memorial Hospital. He is a trustee for both Daytona Beach Community College and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. In addition, he has lent support to numerous community organizations, such as the Boy Scouts of America, the Boys and Girls Club of America, the March of Dimes and the United Way of Volusia and Flagler Counties. He was the recipient of the Chi Chi Rodriguez Foundation's Humanitarian of the Year Award in 1996. At

the University of Florida, Mr. Lemerand has generously contributed to the new basketball training facility and has committed additional major gifts for program support in athletics and university academics. Mr. Lemerand currently serves as a Distinguished Director of the Gator Boosters and is a member of both the President's Council and the University of Florida Alumni Association.

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

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

In Section 7(1) of the bill, the word "center" should be capitalized in the name "Carrie Meek/James N. Eaton, Sr. Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research center and Museum" and a conforming change should be made to the title of the bill.

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.
