

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

1. Agenda Item Title:

Naming of the Carl A. Diekhans Technology Center

Meeting Date: June 5-6, 2014

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Great Basin College wishes to recognize Carl A. Diekhans who has made significant contributions to the institution by naming a building in his honor.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Approve the following name for the Electrical, Industrial Technology building:

- Carl A. Diekhans Technology Center

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

GBC wishes to honor Carl A. Diekhans for devoting 33 years of his professional life building Great Basin College into the wonderful and expansive operation it is currently. He spent 10 plus years as a professor of mathematics, computing and physics. During his tenure as a full-time professor Carl authored three computing textbooks that were used by more than fifty colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Following his years as a full time professor Carl moved up the ranks of administration as Coordinator, Director, Dean, and Vice President of Administrative Services. Twice he served as President of the institution, first in an interim capacity from July 2001 through May of 2002 and again as President from July 2008 through September 2011.

Many of the buildings on campus and other improvements were done on his watch. The capital dollars necessary to build the EIT building were awarded to GBC in large part as a direct result of Carl's work with the legislature over six biennia. It would be difficult to overestimate the importance of Carl's career and efforts in the development and financial wellbeing of the college.

5. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- Years of service to public education (Carl has 47 years, 6 in Montana, 8 in Oregon and 33 in Nevada);
- Quality and time of service to community and state (34 years to the community, 33 to the state);
- Years residing in community or state (34 years);
- Contributions to the development of the community or state (see recommending paragraph above).

6. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None.

7. ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

Don't designate a name.

8. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title #_____ Chapter # 1 Section # 2(a)
- Amends Current Board Policy: Title #_____ Chapter #_____ Section #_____
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter #_____ Section #_____
- Other: _____
- Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No _____
Explain: _____



April 22, 2014

Dear Chancellor Klaich,

Upon the recommendation of the GBC Faculty Senate and the President's Council, and in keeping with the Nevada System of Higher Education Procedures and Guidelines Manual, Chapter 1, Campus Development, item 2 Naming of Campus Buildings, I offer the following formal recommendation for your consideration: Naming the current so-called EIT (Electrical and Industrial Technology) building the:

"Carl A. Diekhans Technology Center"

Arriving in 1980, Mr. Diekhans devoted 33 years of his professional life to building Great Basin College into the wonderful and expansive operation it is currently. He taught all levels of mathematics, computing and physics and obtained tenure in 1984, later serving two terms as faculty senate chair. He also set up GBC's original computing labs and developed the first IAV labs. During his tenure as a full time professor Carl authored three computing textbooks that were used by more than fifty colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Following his ten plus year stint as mathematics, science and computing professor, he moved up through the ranks of administration as Coordinator, Director, Dean, and Vice President of Administrative Services. Twice he served as President of the institution, first in an interim capacity from July 2001 through May of 2002 and again as President from July 2008 through September 2011. Throughout his career he served on numerous system and college committees. As an active contributing member of the community Carl served for years on the boards of the hospital, Head Start and rural economic development authority. His Lions Club International service efforts have also provided many years of benefits to the community.

Many of the buildings on campus and other improvements were done on his watch. In fact, the capital dollars necessary to build the EIT building were awarded to GBC in large part as a direct result of Carl's work with the legislature over six biennia. It would be difficult to overestimate the importance Carl's career and efforts in the development and financial wellbeing of the college. Also we did consider the loss of potential dollars in a naming opportunity and concluded this potential honor trumped that possibility.

Under Chapter 1, Section 2 Naming of Campus Buildings, subsection a. there are six possible reasons of naming a building after an individual, Carl Diekhans fulfills four of them:

- i. Years of service to public education (Carl has 47 years, 6 in Montana, 8 in Oregon and 33 in Nevada);
- iii. Quality and time of service to community and state (34 years to the community, 33 to the state);
- iv. Years residing in community or state (34 years);
- v. Contributions to the development of the community or state (See recommending paragraph above).

Should you agree with this recommendation the NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual suggests that you forward the recommendation to the Chair of the Board of Regents for consideration by the full Board. Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,



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