

Recommended Naming

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the naming of the Michener Multi-Purpose Space (L172) as the “James F. and Helen K. Graff Multi-Purpose Room”.

BACKGROUND

Generous donor and UNC Alumnus, Bob Chin '74, has donated a total of \$300,000 to enable the Michener Library to deliver on its mission to provide access to welcoming spaces that promote curiosity, learning, teaching, and engaged global citizenship.


In recognition of his generous \$50,000 commitment, fulfilled in Sept. of 2024, the Board of Trustees approved the naming of Michener L172 as the “Suey Hey and Stella Chin Multi-Purpose Room” on June 9, 2023.

Upon completion of this initial gift, Bob made a second cash commitment of \$250,000 to create the Suey Hey and Stella Chin Innovation Den; an environment where practical technologies empower students, faculty, and researchers to bring ideas to life. Beyond the initial renovation and equipment acquisition, the fund will sustain the Innovation Den’s long-term growth and impact through support for student wages, equipment upgrades, material expansion, and related needs.

In recognition of his generosity, and in line with his wishes, we propose the renaming of the existing “Suey Hey and Stella Chin Multi-Purpose Room” (L172) as the “James F. and Helen K. Graff Multi-Purpose Room”, in honor of Bob’s now deceased cousins. According to Chin, their values and sage advice resulted in his decision to attend UNC. This renaming will honor Mr. Chin’s original gift from 2023 while also allowing him to use his parents’ names in the Innovation Den space proposed in the next Board Action item according to his wishes.


Responsible Staff

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President

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