

Recommended Naming

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the naming of Michener 115 as the “Suey Hey and Stella Chin Innovation Den”.



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 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 naming Michener 115 the “Suey Hey and Stella Chin Innovation Den”, in honor of his now-deceased parents, whom Bob credits with instilling the values of hard work and dedication in him. In order to complete this naming, and in accordance with the donor’s wishes, we have also requested the renaming the existing Multi-Purpose Room (L172) the “James F. and Helen K. Graff Multi-Purpose Room to allow Mr. Chin to honor his parents in this new, more prominent space.

 _____ Responsible Staff	<u>2/11/26</u> _____ Date	 _____ President	<u>2/11/26</u> _____ Date
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