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BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

SUBJECT

Request to name Park Center property

REFERENCE

April 2008

Board approved request to enter into agreement to acquire property on Park Center Boulevard

APPLICABLE STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

Idaho State Board of Education Governing Policies & Procedures, Section I.K.1.b.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In April 2008 the Board approved Boise State University's request to enter into an agreement to acquire land and an office building on Park Center Boulevard in Boise. The property will serve as the University's first dedicated research park and will be used by several university institutes, centers and offices that support research on campus under the unifying theme of community engagement. The research park will also be used to develop collaborative relationships with local and regional partners interested in supporting the economic development and diversification of the state and region's economy.

The Yanke Family has always been very generous to Boise State University, in this case contributing a major gift for the acquisition of the Park Center property. In honor of the Yanke's generous contribution and ongoing support, the university wishes to name the Park Center research park the Ron and Linda Yanke Family Research Park. Members of the University's Naming Committee have unanimously approved the proposed name.

IMPACT

Naming the Park Center property the Ron and Linda Yanke Family Research Park recognizes the family's legacy of unflinching and generous support of university research, teaching and athletics.

STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In reviewing requests for approval to name a facility, building, or administrative unit for a donor, the Board shall consider:

- The nature of the proposed gift and its significance to the institution;
- The eminence of the individual whose name is proposed; and
- The individual's relationship to the institution.

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The Yanke family has a long history of providing generous support to the University. University representatives will be available to discuss the aspects of the gift.

Staff recommends approval.

BOARD ACTION

A motion to approve the request by Boise State University to name the Park Center property the Ron and Linda Yanke Family Research Park.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Carried Yes _____ No _____