



Reviewing the Appropriateness of Community College Facility Names

WHEREAS, the mission of Virginia's Community Colleges and their shared dedication to the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion demand we examine the names regularly facing our students, faculty, staff, and supporters on their community college journey and determine if those names are consistent with that mission and those values; and

WHEREAS, demonstrations are inspiring institutions in Virginia and beyond to examine, and in many cases exorcise, symbols of systemic racism that have existed in plain sight for years; and

WHEREAS, we feel a responsibility to join that broader conversation and focus a high level of scrutiny on the names that adorn our facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State Board for Community Colleges has authority to determine the names of community colleges and college campuses; and

WHEREAS, the State Board has delegated authority to local college advisory boards to approve the names of on-campus facilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Board ask the local advisory boards of each of our 23 colleges to review the appropriateness of its college, campus(es), and facilities names, and report back on or before the regularly scheduled March 2021 meeting of the State Board with facility name changes it has made and recommendations regarding college and campus names that should be changed by the State Board.

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