

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NAMING COMMITTEE
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS**

December 3, 2020, 1:00 PM via Zoom

Call to Order, Roll Call and Approval of Minutes

Roll was called. Members present: Carlos Amaya – Presidential Appointee, Angie Campbell – Staff Senate, Mona Davenport – Presidential Appointee, Sace Elder – Council of Chairs, Don Holly – Faculty Senate, Claudia Janssen-Danyi – CAA and Ken Wetstein, VPUA (ex-officio).

Guests in attendance: David Glassman, President, April Marchuk, Assistant to VPUA, Dustin White, ITS.

Don Holly made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2020 meeting, seconded by Carlos Amaya. Motion passed unanimously.

Update from President Glassman

President Glassman clarified his charge to the Naming Committee concerning their review and recommendation of the issue of whether Douglas Hall should retain its name or be renamed.

The Committee may consider recommending retaining the name of Douglas Hall as originally chosen by the EIU Board of Trustees in 1951 along with Lincoln Hall to commemorate the historic Coles County Lincoln-Douglas debate.

The Committee may consider recommending retaining the name of Douglas Hall with specific caveats -- such as, but not exclusive to -- educational opportunities provided to EIU students and employees explaining the debate issues and ideological differences of Lincoln and Douglas and/or signage prominently posted in front of each of the Halls documenting the history of the Coles County debate and the naming of the Halls being specifically to commemorate the historical debate and its location in Coles County.

The Committee may consider recommending renaming both halls to names that would continue to commemorate the historic Coles County Lincoln-Douglas debate (such as Debate Hall East and Debate Hall West, for example).

Or, the Committee may consider recommending that Lincoln Hall can stand alone as commemorating the historic Coles County Lincoln-Douglas debate, and Douglas Hall should be renamed to commemorate an individual worthy of a naming honor, totally unrelated to the Coles County Lincoln-Douglas Debate. If the naming committee decides to make this recommendation, they have been asked to not at this time propose possible names.

History of the Naming of Douglas Hall & Prior Naming Committee Work

V.P Wetstein reviewed the history of the naming of Douglas Hall, stating that Lincoln and Douglas Halls were originally named to commemorate and celebrate the fact that Charleston was one of the

sites of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates. He talked about the reviews of previous Naming Committees concerning this issue and their recommendations to maintain the original name of Douglas Hall.

Methods of Soliciting Feedback from Constituents

The Committee discussed methods of soliciting information from students, alumni, faculty, staff, annuitants and the local community, including open forums, surveys, emails and public comments.

V.P. Wetstein said he will consult with Laura McLaughlin, General Counsel, concerning procedures for maintaining the anonymity and privacy of individuals who share comments and communications. The Committee discussed whether the identities of constituents offering feedback should be kept anonymous.

Collection and Storage of Feedback from Constituents

Angie Campbell, Sace Elder and Claudia Janssen Danyi will form a subcommittee to explore various methods of obtaining feedback. They will present a proposal to the full committee during the next meeting.

The Committee agreed that feedback, documents and information for the Committee's review should be stored in a folder in One Drive and accessible to only Committee members.

Public Comment

Christopher Hanlon from Cave Creek, Arizona joined the meeting remotely and offered public comment.

Next Meeting Date and Future Meetings Schedule

The Committee will schedule meetings every two weeks through March or April 2021.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. by unanimous consent.