




UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

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Office of the President
Thomas C. Katsouleas
President

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Thomas Katsouleas 
RE: Naming Recommendation for the Richard DelFavero Conference Room

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of Room 304 in the W.B. Young Building of the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources (CAHNR) on the Storrs Campus as the “Richard DelFavero Conference Room.”

BACKGROUND:

Richard “Dick” DelFavero CAHNR 56’, 58’ passed away in July. Mr. DelFavero and his wife Barbara are the largest benefactors to the College and the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

The DelFaveros established three endowed scholarships within the Department, one in their family name and two others honoring professors Stewart Johnson and Stanley Seaver, respectively. In 2011, they also made contributions to establish a named Professorship in Agricultural and Resource Economics, committing to a planned gift to elevate this endowment to support an endowed chair. Mr. and Mrs. DelFavero have also been contributing annually to this professorship during their lifetimes and have given consistently for 23 years not only to these established endowments but to 4-H and the Department of Animal Science.

Mr. DelFavero was significantly engaged as an alum of the University as a lifetime member of the UConn Alumni Association and founding brother and president of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. He maintained membership in the fraternity’s alumni association and gifted the resources for purchase and upgrade of the fraternity house. Mr. and Mrs. DelFavero have provided significant financial support to the University, but their contributions far exceed that which can be measured in dollars and cents.

He also served as a staunch advocate for the University and CAHNR, aiding in the engagement and mentoring of other alumni, donors, and potential students. Mr. DelFavero initiated a strong family legacy at UConn with his children and multiple grandchildren receiving degrees from the University and has been recognized with the College’s two top honors – the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Storrs Award, which is the College’s highest recognition.

The naming of the “Richard DelFavero Conference Room” will be a posthumous tribute to recognize Richard for his dedication to his alma mater and significant contributions. The proposed room to be named is currently used by the Department of Agriculture and Resource Economics, which is located in the W. B. Young Building at 1376 Storrs Road on the Storrs campus. The building is the main administrative building for the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources and multiple College departments. Room 304 is a recently renovated conference room used for small meetings and seminars.

Mr. and Mrs. DelFavero’s significant financial contributions are consistent with the amount recommended for naming this room under the University’s *Named Gift Guidelines*.

At its April 20, 2021, meeting, the Institutional Advancement Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

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