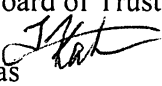


April 28, 2021

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Thomas Katsouleas 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Joseph R. Marfuggi and Sherry L. Brown-Marfuggi Reception Area at UConn Hartford

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the reception area located in the Department of Public Policy on the UConn Hartford campus as the Joseph R. Marfuggi and Sherry L. Brown-Marfuggi Reception Area.

BACKGROUND:

The UConn Department of Public Policy is located on the fourth floor of the UConn Hartford campus. A reception area welcomes visitors to the department and offers a space for students to gather, collaborate, and study.

In 2019, Mrs. Brown-Marfuggi created an endowed scholarship fund in memory of her late husband – the Joseph R. Marfuggi Memorial Scholarship Fund for Leadership in Urban and Community Studies. Mr. Marfuggi was a 1963 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and dedicated his life to public service in Connecticut, most notably as President and CEO of Riverfront Recapture, Inc. He had a passion for the City of Hartford and understood the significance of bringing UConn to the City.

Mrs. Brown-Marfuggi is a resident of Hartford and spent her career in public service, as well, serving as the long-time Chief of Staff to United States Senator Joseph I. Lieberman. She is a member of the UConn Foundation Founders Society and is a parent of a UConn alum.

Naming this space will posthumously recognize Mr. Marfuggi's significant contributions to the City of Hartford and Mrs. Brown-Marfuggi's commitment to UConn Hartford.

Mrs. Brown-Marfuggi has made a pledge in an amount that is consistent with the amount recommended for this space under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

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