

August 3, 2022

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric
Interim President



RE: Naming of Nancy Stevens Field

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the naming of the Nancy Stevens Field as a companion naming to the George J. Sherman Family Sports Complex.

BACKGROUND:

From 1989 to 2020, Nancy Stevens served with distinction as head coach of the Women's Field Hockey Program compiling three national championships (2013, 2014, 2017), 23 NCAA Tournament wins, three National Coach of the Year awards, and many more accomplishments during her 30 seasons in Storrs.

Coach Stevens mentored and led multitudes of talented student-athletes, many of whom competed for National Teams in the World Cup and Olympics. Coach Stevens was the first field hockey coach to reach 700 wins in a career. Upon retirement in 2020, she was deemed the all-time winningest coach in NCAA field hockey. In addition to her NCAA awards, she dominated the BIG EAST with 19 regular and 19 tournament titles. In 2006, she was inducted into the Connecticut Field Hockey Hall of Fame.

To honor Coach Stevens' contributions to the University, the Division of Athletics recommended adding the "Nancy Stevens Field" to the "George J. Sherman Family Sports Complex," creating a combined naming: "Nancy Stevens Field and George J. Sherman Family Sports Complex."

The Facilities Naming Committee approved the recommendation on July 27, 2022, which I endorsed and referred to the Institutional Advancement Committee, which approved the recommendation on August 1, 2022.