Naming Opportunity

Residential College Living-Learning Community

MU

The University of Missouri-Columbia requests Board of Curator approval to name a newly established residential college **“The Kinder Institute Residential College.”** Pursuant to CRR 110.081, the naming of academic units requires Board approval.  Under the circumstances of this naming, it is a close call whether the residential college is an “academic unit” requiring Board approval.  Nonetheless, in deference to the Board’s general authority to control outwardly facing names of buildings and academic units, MU seeks Board approval of the naming for the residential college, described in more detail below.

Conceived and proposed in collaboration with the College of Arts and Science and MU Residential Life, the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy is launching a new undergraduate living-learning community in August 2019. There are currently 39 students signed up for this living-learning community, and our goal is to increase that number to 60 students in Fall 2020.

Members of this living-learning community will live together in a residence hall on campus; co-enroll in a series of first-year courses on the founding and early history of the United States; build a community through academic and extracurricular programming; and be introduced to the full breadth of the Kinder Institute’s undergraduate programming, including the recently-approved B.A. in Constitutional Democracy. Living-learning communities such as this aid in student recruitment and retention, and promote student success.

In order to appropriately brand this living-learning community with the Kinder Institute and thereby give us a competitive advantage in recruiting new students who are considering similar programs across the country, we propose to name this living-learning community the “Kinder Institute Residential College.” Doing so will promote the University’s strategic priority of increasing excellence.

University of Missouri System President Mun Choi, MU Chancellor Alexander Cartwright, and MU Provost Latha Ramchand, are all in support of this naming.

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Recommended Action - Naming Opportunity, Residential College Living-Learning Community, MU

It was recommended by Chancellor Cartwright, endorsed by President Choi, moved by Curator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Curator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that the following action be approved:

that the residential college recently established within the University of Missouri-Columbia Kinder Institute be named “The Kinder Institute Residential College.”

Roll call vote of Board of Curators: YES NO

Curator Brncic

Curator Chatman

Curator Farmer

Curator Graham

Curator Layman

Curator Phillips

Curator Snowden

Curator Steelman

Curator Sundvold

The motion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.