January 28, 2008

TO: GRETCHEN BOLAR
   VICE CHANCELLOR

FM: THOMAS COGSWELL, CHAIR
    RIVERSIDE DIVISION

RE: NAMINGS FROM THE SENATE: RAYMOND L ORBACH SCIENCE LIBRARY

The Executive Council met today, January 28, 2007 and unanimously approved the proposal to change the name of the Science Library to Raymond L. Orbach Science Library in recognition of former Chancellor Orbach’s 10 years of service.

Cc: Vice Chancellor Diaz
    Interim Vice Chancellor Harlow
    Director Lehr
January 9, 2008

Chair Cogswell
Academic Senate

RE: Campus Naming Committee Approved Naming Opportunities

Dear Tom:

As Chair Designee of the UCR Committee on Naming Campus Properties, Programs and Facilities, I am requesting the review and approval by the Academic Senate Advisory Committee for this naming opportunity.

- *Raymond L. Orbach Science Library* is the proposed name for the Science Library. This naming opportunity is in recognition of former Chancellor Orbach's 10 years of extraordinary service and his critical role in making the project a reality.

Please review the attached request and summary details. This proposed name needs approval by the Academic Senate before it is endorsed by the Campus Naming Committee. Please respond with your recommendations by Friday January 25, 2008.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gretchen Bolar
Vice Chancellor

Attachments

xc: Vice Chancellor Diaz
   Interim Vice Chancellor Harlow
   Director Lehr
SUMMARY INFORMATION

UCR: NAMING CAMPUS PROPERTIES, ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, AND FACILITIES

Proposed Name: Raymond L. Orbach Science Library
Short Name: Orbach Science Library

Building Background:
- Official Building Name: SCIENCE LIBRARY
- Building Name (12-byte): SCIENCE LIB
- Capital Asset Account Numbers: P5418
- Building Basic Gross Square Feet: 175,718 gsf
- Building Assignable Square Feet: 121,816 asf
- Location: UCR Core Campus

Description: The proposed naming after former Chancellor Raymond L. Orbach is in recognition of the 10 years of service to the University of California, Riverside and his key role in securing funding for the Science Library.

See attached Background Information.

Site Map:
November 27, 2007

EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST ELLEN WARTELLA

Dear Ellen:

I propose naming the Science Library after former Chancellor Raymond L. Orbach, in recognition of his 10 years of extraordinary service to the University of California, Riverside. This request is consistent with the UCR naming policy, approved February 26, 2007, which states that a facility may be named in honor of an individual when no gift is involved, based on the honoree's distinguished service and exceptional contributions in an administrative capacity. As indicated in the attached proposal, Chancellor Orbach clearly meets these criteria.

The proposal to name a UCR facility after Chancellor Orbach was discussed and strongly supported by the Chancellor's Leadership Council at its meeting of November 19, 2007. While a number of suggestions emerged, it became clear that the Science Library is the most appropriate tribute to Chancellor Orbach. As described in the proposal, he played a pivotal role in securing funding for the Science Library. During his tenure, it became a signature building for the campus, one which reflects his own interest and expertise in the sciences.

Given that, I believe the Science Library is especially befitting as a naming opportunity, as Chancellor Orbach played such a critical role in making it a reality. I ask that you initiate the appropriate reviews by the Academic Senate and UCR Naming Committee.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Grey
Acting Chancellor

Enclosure
PROPOSAL TO NAME THE SCIENCE LIBRARY
IN HONOR OF FORMER CHANCELLOR RAYMOND L. ORBACH
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

It is proposed that the Science Library at the University of California, Riverside, be named in honor of former Chancellor Raymond L. Orbach, who served the campus from 1992 to 2002. Under his leadership, UCR became noted for its rapid growth, increasing diversity, and rising reputation as an outstanding research university. Chancellor Orbach worked tirelessly to build the campus in both size and stature, while at the same time strengthening ties with the community. His legacy includes a rash of new, much-needed capital facilities, including the Science Library. Some of Dr. Orbach’s major accomplishments, including his efforts related to the Science Library, are described below.

Growth and Diversity

During Chancellor Orbach’s tenure, UCR grew from 8,500 students to 15,500. At the same time, UCR’s diversity increased rapidly, from approximately 20 percent when he arrived to 31 percent by the time he left office. Chancellor Orbach had a passionate commitment to making UCR accessible and affordable to non-traditional students, particularly those who were economically and/or educationally disadvantaged. Often this meant they were also from underrepresented groups. Through what has been termed his “Pied Piper approach,” Chancellor Orbach put himself on the line, visiting countless schools and community groups, and exhorting parents to ensure that their children were college-ready. He oversaw development of a booklet called Keys to the Future, which outlined the level of coursework prospective students should be taking, beginning in the fourth grade. He commissioned a group of Hispanic parents to translate the book into Spanish so that it would be readily understood by other Spanish-speaking families. He formed partnerships with area high schools, forming task forces to examine their academic and advising programs to help them prepare students to be UC eligible.

Chancellor Orbach’s efforts, and the impact of Proposition 209 in California, were described in the May 2, 1999, issue of The New York Times Magazine, entitled, “The End of Affirmative Action (And the Beginning of Something Better).” Author James Traub called attention to UCR’s climate, stating, “ Virtually every student I talked to remarked on what a welcoming place it was.” Chancellor Orbach personally established the tone that created this environment, for which UCR is still widely noted.

Research Excellence

Chancellor Orbach strongly believed that, in addition to growth, UCR’s reputation must be built upon research excellence. He became UCR’s staunchest advocate, vigorously promoting initiatives in the sciences, arts, and humanities. He became an effective and indefatigable advocate for higher education to federal, state and local governments. He worked with the U.S. Congress, California’s state legislature, and county and city leaders to build support and expand the funding base for research, teaching, and community service projects.