RESOLUTION NAMING TEAM ROOM 260D IN THE DATA AND DECISION SCIENCES BUILDING FOR ROBERT J. CUMMINGS ’90 AND LANA CUMMINGS

WHEREAS, Rob Cummings earned his bachelor’s degree in business from Virginia Tech in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Rob joined Falfurrias Capital Partners in October of 2007 and has over twenty-five years of professional operating experience, including over ten years in senior management roles with enterprise software companies DealCloud, Chordiant Software, J.D. Edwards, and PeopleSoft; and

WHEREAS, Rob Cummings presently serves on the Apex Systems Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Advisory Board and the Pamplin Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Rob Cummings, in 2019, won the Charlotte Area Technology Collaborative Blue Diamond IT Entrepreneur of the Year Award, and was also recognized in Charlotte’s “40 Under 40” list of up-and-coming business leaders under the age of 40; and

WHEREAS, Rob Cummings has made a contribution of $100,000 to the Global Business and Analytics Complex, as well as contributions to the Pamplin College of Business Annual Fund, APEX Center for Entrepreneurs, and Hokie Scholarship Fund; and

WHEREAS, Rob Cummings continues to be a valued member of the university community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in acknowledgement of the service and generosity of Rob Cummings, and in recognition of past and future benefits to the university, team room 260D in the Data and Decision Sciences Building will be known as the Lana and Rob ’90 Cummings Team Room.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming the Lana and Rob ’90 Cummings Team Room be approved.

March 20, 2023
RESOLUTION NAMING THE FIRST-YEAR MAKER SPACE IN MITCHELL HALL
FOR RAY D. FRITH ’51 AND VIOLET FRITH

WHEREAS, Ray D. Frith is an alumnus of the class of 1951, received his bachelor’s degree from the College of Engineering, and had a long and successful career as President of Frith Construction Company; and

WHEREAS, Ray Frith and his wife, Violet Frith, who passed away in March 2022, have been supporters of the College of Engineering for many decades; and

WHEREAS, Ray and Violet Frith have been recognized as President’s Circle members within the Ut Prosim Society, the university’s most prestigious donor recognition society, and in 2022 received the added distinction of being acknowledged as Foremost Benefactors, and included among Virginia Tech’s leading philanthropists; and

WHEREAS, Ray and Violet Frith have supported the College of Engineering with the establishment of the Ray and Violet Frith Engineering Scholarship, and with additional support for Goodwin Hall, the BSE Lab Renovation, the Bioprocess Engineering Campaign Fund, the Frith Practical Learning Endowment, and the Frith Freshman Engineering Design Lab – now known as the Frith First-Year Maker Space; and

WHEREAS, the Frith First-Year Maker Space in Randolph Hall has historically been a learning space for all first-year engineering students, an integral part of the education of literally thousands of engineering students since its creation, and this existing space in Randolph Hall is scheduled for demolition; and

WHEREAS, the Friths are dedicated to the success of the College of Engineering in perpetuity with an eight-figure commitment for unrestricted future support to the College, and desire to continue to support the retention and development of young engineers through hands-on learning, peer mentoring, and authentic problem-solving; and

WHEREAS, the Mitchell Hall building will allocate dedicated space for first-year laboratories to foster an environment of creativity, exploration, and safety aligned with the vision of Ray and Violet Frith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in appreciation to Ray Frith and the late Violet Frith for their generosity towards Virginia Tech and the College of Engineering, the new first-year maker space within the new Mitchell Hall be named the Ray D. ’51 and Violet T. Frith First-Year Maker Space.

RECOMMENDATION:
That the above resolution naming the Frith First-Year Maker Space be approved.

March 20, 2023
RESOLUTION NAMING TEAM ROOM 260E IN THE DATA AND DECISION SCIENCES BUILDING FOR WAYNE HINMAN, MBA ’75

WHEREAS, Wayne Hinman earned his Master of Business Administration degree from Virginia Tech in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Hinman is currently serving on the board of Lutron Electronics Co., Inc., and has previously served on several boards including Tronox Ltd.; and

WHEREAS, in his 34-year career at Air Products and Chemicals Inc., Wayne Hinman has held positions of Vice President & General Manager of Worldwide Merchant Gases and President, Air Products Asia Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Hinman previously served on the Pamplin MBA Advisory Board, and is an emeritus member of the Pamplin Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Hinman has made generous contributions to the Global Business and Analytics Complex, including $100,000 designated to name a team room, as well as contributions to the Pamplin College of Business Annual Fund, the MBA Excellence Fund, and the T.W. Hap Bonham MBA Fellowship Endowment; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Hinman continues to be a valued member of the university community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in acknowledgement of the service and generosity of Wayne Hinman, and in recognition of past and future benefits to the university, team room 260E in the Data and Decision Sciences Building will be known as The Hinman Family Team Room.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming The Hinman Family Team Room be approved.

March 20, 2023

WHEREAS, Mary McVay, a long-time CPA and Chartered Financial Analyst with an undergraduate degree in Accounting (1978) and a Master of Business Administration in Finance (1981) from Virginia Tech has led a distinguished career in business; and

WHEREAS, her service to the business community has benefited institutions like the United States Postal Service, the National Security Agency, and the Central Intelligence Agency; and

WHEREAS, Mary served 20 of these years as a Partner and Chief Financial Officer for Burney Management Co. Inc. distinguishing her work; and

WHEREAS, Mary has been an extraordinary role model for advancing the culture of philanthropy at Virginia Tech and especially for the Pamplin College of Business with both students and alumni, serving as the first female leader of the Pamplin Advisory Council, and being named the 2022 inaugural recipient of the Pamplin Philanthropy Award; and

WHEREAS, Mary was the first $1 million donor to the Global Business Analytics Complex, and in the height of the pandemic in 2020, she then committed another $1 million and issued a challenge to encourage others to give or increase their support, bringing her overall support to $2 million, to which the challenge was successfully met and exceeded its goals; and

WHEREAS, Mary has also remained active with Virginia Tech, serving on the Pamplin Advisory Council, now as an Emeritus member, and prior service on the Virginia Tech Foundation Board of Directors, as well as being recognized as a member of the Ut Prosim Society President’s Circle and the Legacy Society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in acknowledgement of the service and generosity of Mary McVay and in recognition of past and future benefits to the university, the Data Visualization Classroom room number 240 and Team Rooms 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, and 289, located on the second floor off Commons extended balcony area in the Data and Decision Sciences building be known as the Mary McVay ’78, MBA ’81 Data Collaboration Hub.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming the Mary McVay ’78, MBA ’81 Data Collaboration Hub, be approved.

March 20, 2023
RESOLUTION NAMING TEAM ROOM 260C IN THE DATA AND DECISION SCIENCES BUILDING FOR STEVEN L. PARKER ’83 AND SHARON S. PARKER ’83

WHEREAS, Steven L. Parker and his wife, Sharon S. Parker, both earned bachelor’s degrees in business with a major in Accounting from Virginia Tech in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Steven was a financial advisor for Wells Fargo Advisors and retired after many years of service; and

WHEREAS, Steven L. Parker still serves on the Pamplin Advisory Council, now as an emeritus member, and is a member of the Pamplin Accounting & Information Systems Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Steven L. Parker and Sharon S. Parker have made a joint contribution of $100,000 to name a Team Room in the Global Business and Analytics Complex, as well as contributions to the Pamplin College of Business Annual Fund, the Steven & Sharon Parker Accounting Excellence Fund, and the Accounting and Information Systems Annual Fund; and

WHEREAS, Steven L. Parker and Sharon S. Parker continue to be valued members of the university community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in acknowledgement of the service and generosity of Steven L. Parker and Sharon S. Parker and in recognition of past and future benefits to the university, Team Room 260C in the Data and Decision Sciences Building will be known as the Steven L. Parker ’83 and Sharon S. Parker ’83 Team Room.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming the Steven L. Parker ’83 and Sharon S. Parker ’83 Team Room be approved.

March 20, 2023
RESOLUTION NAMING THE 120-SEAT CLASSROOM (CLASSROOM 130) ON THE GROUND LEVEL IN THE DATA AND DECISION SCIENCES BUILDING FOR JAMES G. ’80 AND DEBORAH MARTIN PETRINE ’78

WHEREAS, Deborah Petrine earned her bachelor’s degree in business administration from Virginia Tech in 1978, and James Petrine earned his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Virginia Tech in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Petrine is president and chief executive officer of CCR (Commonwealth Care of Roanoke Inc.), which owns and operates 12 long-term-care facilities in Virginia; and James Petrine is President of Enirtep Inc., a development company on Smith Mountain Lake since 1985; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Petrine was the first woman to be rector of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. She is currently president of the Pamplin Advisory Council and a member of the Roanoke Valley Hokie Club, and also served previously on the boards for the Virginia Tech Foundation and the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, James Petrine serves as President of the Virginia Tech Athletic Fund Board of Directors and is a member of the Virginia Tech Foundation Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Gordon Bowman Society in Athletics, the Skelton 4-H Smith Mountain Lake Center Board of Directors, Front Court, Team First in Athletics, and the William Preston Society Spouse recognition group; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Petrine was recognized as Virginia Tech’s 2020 Alumni Distinguished Service Award recipient and received the Pamplin Distinguished Alumni Award in 2011, as well as having received the Virginia Health Care Association’s James G. Dutton Award for lifetime achievement in the long-term-care field in the commonwealth in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Deborah and James Petrine have made a $1 million contribution to the Global Business and Analytics Complex, as well as contributions to the Pamplin College of Business Annual Fund, James G. and Deborah L. Petrine Excellence Fund in Management, Management Department Annual Fund, Pamplin College of Business – MBA Program and the Hokie Scholarship Fund, and established the Jim and Debbie Petrine Foundation Heart and Reparative Medicine Research Endowment; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Martin Petrine and James G. Petrine continue to be valued members of the university community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in acknowledgement of the service and generosity of Deborah Martin Petrine and James G. Petrine, and in recognition of past and future benefits to the university, the tiered 120-seat classroom (classroom 130) on the ground level of the Data and Decision Sciences Building be known as the James G. ’80 and Deborah Martin Petrine ’78 Classroom.

RECOMMENDATION:
That the above resolution naming the James G. ’80 and Deborah Martin Petrine ’78 Classroom be approved.

March 20, 2023
RESOLUTION NAMING TEAM ROOM 260B IN THE DATA AND DECISION SCIENCES BUILDING FOR SCOTT R. WELLS ’91 AND MARY K. WELLS

WHEREAS, Scott R. Wells graduated from Virginia Tech in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business; and

WHEREAS, Scott is presently Chairman at The Achievement Network and Chief Executive Officer at Clear Channel Outdoor Americas, which includes out-of-home advertising businesses in the U.S., Europe, and Latin America, including Clear Channel Airports; and

WHEREAS, Scott R. Wells served nine years from 2012 to 2021 on the Pamplin Advisory Council, and he currently serves on the board of directors of The Achievement Network and the Outdoor Advertising Association of America; and

WHEREAS, Scott R. Wells has made a commitment to the Global Business and Analytics Complex, including $100,000 designated to name a team room, as well as generous contributions to the Pamplin College of Business Annual Fund, the APEX Center for Entrepreneurs, and the Virginia Tech Annual Fund; and

WHEREAS, Scott R. Wells continues to be a valued member of the university community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in acknowledgement of the service and generosity of Scott R. Wells and Mary K. Wells, and in recognition of past and future benefits to the university, team room 260B in the Data and Decision Sciences Building will be known as the Mary and Scott Wells ’91 Team Room.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution naming the Mary and Scott Wells ’91 Team Room be approved.

March 20, 2023