University Council
University at Albany

September 25, 2015

To: Members of the Council

From: Michael J. Castellana, Chair

Subject: Naming of the Football Stadium - Necessity for Immediate Vote

The University has recently concluded negotiations with a donor for a substantial gift to the University which the University wishes to now recognize by naming the football stadium, the venue for Bob Ford Field, on behalf of the donor’s honorees. This extraordinary gift in the amount of $10 million will support scholarships, athletic facilities and programs.

In accordance with the SUNY Naming Opportunities Procedures on State University Campuses, all naming opportunities that involve gifts of more than $1 million shall be approved by the campus president and the college council and/or campus foundation, as appropriate, and then by the Chancellor and the State University Board of Trustees.

President Jones has approved this gift and naming and a resolution seeking your approval for the stadium naming is being presented to you today for your consideration in advance of the Board of Trustees next regularly scheduled meeting on November 3-4, 2015.

As the resolution for this matter was not contained in the packages mailed to you at least seven (7) days prior to this meeting, in accordance with the requirements of section 356 of the New York State Education Law which sets forth the powers and duties of the councils of state-operated institutions of the State University, as Council Chair, I now ask, for the reasons set forth herein, for a motion to waive the one week notice requirements of the Education Law and to consider accept the attached resolution for immediate vote at today’s meeting of the Council.

Attachment
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Resolution

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Re: Naming Opportunity

I move that the Council adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the CASEY/DUKER FAMILY has been a champion of the value of public higher education, in particular the needs of students in order to be successful in pursuit of their educational aspirations; and

WHEREAS, opportunities for scholarship, high-quality facilities and programmatic offerings help create pathways for students to succeed both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, this gift provides support for facilities to ensure the continued growth and success of a strong Division I athletic program and provides support for scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the CASEY/DUKER FAMILY, which includes a number of UAlbany alumni, wishes to honor Tom and Mary Casey for their strong belief in the value of higher education and for their lifelong love of Great Danes sports; and

WHEREAS, the State University of New York’s guidelines for the naming of a physical or non-physical asset of the University must be approved by the campus president and college council and further subject to the approval of the SUNY Chancellor and Board of Trustees.

Now, therefore, be it:

RESOLVED, that the University at Albany Council authorizes naming the University’s football stadium the “Tom & Mary Casey Stadium”, and furthermore, that the playing field will remain named “Bob Ford Field at Tom & Mary Casey Stadium.”

Approved unanimously on the 25th day of September, 2015.

[Signature]

Michael J. Castellana,  
Chairman