

Resolution of the University at Buffalo Council
December 14, 2020

Sunstar naming resolution

- Whereas* the Sunstar Group understands that the University at Buffalo’s ability to attract, retain and recognize distinguished faculty members creates world-class educational and research opportunities for our scholarly community; and
- whereas* Sunstar’s chairman, Hiroo Kaneda, and the late Robert J. Genco, DDS, PhD—a SUNY Distinguished Professor of Oral Biology, Periodontics, and Microbiology—enjoyed a 40-year professional relationship that resulted in numerous pioneering advancements in periodontal medicine; and
- whereas* Dr. Genco was among the first to study the effect that oral health has on overall wellness and was widely described as the “father of oral science”; and
- whereas* Sunstar wishes to honor the legacy of its highly productive partnership with Dr. Genco by enabling his research interests to continue through medical and dental collaborations in oral and periodontal medicine; and
- whereas* this research will greatly benefit the oral health of patients around the world; and
- whereas* Sunstar’s thoughtful support and desired impact will have an even further reach through the SUNY Scholars of Excellence program; be it therefore
- resolved* that in deep appreciation for the support provided by the Sunstar Group, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Sunstar Robert J. Genco Endowed Chair in Oral Biology; and be it further
- resolved* that this recognition be forwarded to the State University of New York System Administration for final review and approval by the SUNY Chancellor and the SUNY Board of Trustees; and be it further
- resolved* that this resolution be permanently entered into the records of the UB Council.