

Resolutions of the University at Buffalo Council  
December 13, 2021

**Student code of conduct resolution**

- Whereas* The University at Buffalo has revised and updated the Student Code of Conduct; and
- whereas* the updated Student Code of Conduct includes gender-neutral language, changes to be consistent with the new Title IX final rule, language adjustments to UB's Discrimination and Harassment Policy; and other updates to streamline the Code of Conduct; and
- whereas* these changes provide our students with the most current information available while reflecting our university's values and identity as a diverse, scholarly community; and
- whereas* the University at Buffalo is committed to upholding these values in all of our endeavors;
- whereas* the University at Buffalo desires to keep the Student Code of Conduct both updated and in alignment with our deeply held values; and
- whereas* the University at Buffalo's updates to the Student Code of Conduct contains current information communicated in a manner that respects our students' diverse backgrounds, identities and lived experience; be it therefore
- resolved* that this resolution be permanently entered into the records of the UB Council.

## **Gerhardt naming resolution**

- Whereas* The late Dr. Lester “Les” Gerhardt, MS ’64, PhD ’69, was a dedicated volunteer and generous donor to the University at Buffalo, serving as a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council for the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences; and
- whereas* Dr. Gerhardt had an illustrious career, first at Bell Aerospace Corporation, where he helped develop the visual simulation for the first lunar module used to train astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, and then as a professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he dedicated 46 years to teaching and mentoring students; and
- whereas* Dr. Gerhardt was a recipient of many prestigious awards, including the Lamme Award and Medal, the highest honor of the American Society for Education, and a UB Distinguished Alumni Award; and
- whereas* Dr. Gerhardt and his wife, Mrs. Karen Gerhardt, AS ’64, were inspired to give back to UB and its students because their education served as a foundation for a happy and successful life and career; and
- whereas* Mrs. Gerhardt wishes to honor her late husband and leave a legacy in their name; be it therefore
- resolved* that in deep appreciation for the philanthropic commitment of Mrs. Karen Gerhardt, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Karen and Lester Gerhardt Dining Room in One World Café; and be it further
- resolved* that this resolution be permanently entered into the records of the UB Council.

### **Brinkworth naming resolution**

*Whereas* Mrs. Elizabeth Brinkworth and Mr. Kevin Brinkworth, JD '66, BA '63, are life-long fans of University at Buffalo athletics; and

*whereas* Mr. Brinkworth, a UB graduate with degrees in philosophy and law, was inducted into the Dr. and Mrs. Edmond J. Gicewicz Family UB Athletics Hall of Fame in 2010, receiving the Russell J. Gugino Award for excellence in the UB football program from 1960-1962 and in wrestling from 1961-1963; and

*whereas* Mr. Brinkworth was a former UB Bulls defensive tackle who signed as a rookie with the Buffalo Bills after earning his undergraduate degree and returned to the UB School of Law after a career-ending injury; and

*whereas* Mr. and Mrs. Brinkworth are grateful for the formative and educational experiences that have had such a positive impact on their lives, and have loyally and generously supported the UB Division of Athletics for more than 50 years; be it therefore

*resolved* that in deep appreciation for the philanthropic commitment of Mrs. Elizabeth Brinkworth and Mr. Kevin Brinkworth, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Brinkworth Family Locker Room; and be it further

*resolved* that this resolution be permanently entered into the records of the UB Council.

## **Kikta naming resolution**

- Whereas* Dr. Edward J. Kikta Jr., BA '70, PhD '78, a charter member of the Dean's Advisory Council for the College of Arts and Sciences at the University at Buffalo, is an alumnus of the Department of Chemistry, having studied analytical chemistry; and
- whereas* Dr. Kikta, a longtime and far-sighted supporter of the university, established an impressive career at FMC Corporation beginning in 1976 as a research scientist/chemist, eventually holding positions of senior research chemist and research associate until he was appointed manager of the ACG Analytical Sciences at FMC, later becoming a research fellow and competency leader for the analytical and sciences group of FMC Agricultural Products Group; and
- whereas* Dr. Kikta is the former president of the North East Regional Chromatography Discussion Group and three-time Chairman of the American Society for Testing and Materials Committee E-19 on Chromatography and was also a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Testing and Evaluation who was listed in "Who's Who in the East" and Technology Today; and
- whereas* Dr. Kikta has authored 30 publications to date and has received several honors for his work in chemistry and research, including the Award for Achievement in Chromatography from the Western New York Section of ACS and the Niagara Frontier Society for Applied spectroscopy, and the NECDG Distinguished Chromatographer Award; and
- whereas* Dr. Kikta wishes to support a professorship in the Department of Environment and Sustainability in the College of Arts and Sciences; be it
- resolved* that in deep appreciation for the philanthropic commitment of Dr. Kikta, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Edward J. Kikta Jr. Innovation Professorship; 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.

## **Osborne naming resolution**

- Whereas* Mr. Richard C. Osborne, BS '69, Senior Managing Partner at Madison Capital Partners, is a generous donor to the University at Buffalo School of Management; and
- whereas* Mr. Osborne maintains a fondness for the area and deeply appreciates the education he received at UB, believing it enhanced his impressive career at Madison Capital Partners, Scotsman Industries, Inc. and the Pillsbury Company; and
- whereas* Mr. Osborne wishes to support faculty research in engineering and business within UB's School of Management and School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, with a goal of elevating UB's visibility, impact and reputation in areas of interdisciplinary research between engineering and business; be it
- resolved* that in deep appreciation for the philanthropic commitment of Mr. Richard Osborne, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Richard C. Osborne Faculty Interdisciplinary Research Fund in Business and Engineering and the Richard C. Osborne Student Scholarship in Business and Engineering; 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.

## **Stevens naming resolution**

- Whereas* Roberta A. Stevens, BA '70, MLS '74, and George E. Stevens value and appreciate experiential learning opportunities for students at the University at Buffalo, understanding the great impact they can have on one's future; and
- whereas* Mr. Stevens, who works for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Mrs. Stevens, a proud UB graduate, a former president of the American Library Association and a recently retired outreach officer of the Library of Congress, have devoted time to traveling the world and experiencing life in many countries firsthand; and
- whereas* Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Stevens believe experiential learning, especially travel, is critical to understanding one's place in the world; and
- whereas* the Stevenses advocate for students to travel and experience other countries, allowing them to broaden their perspectives by fully immersing themselves in new cultures, resulting in the enhancement of their educational experiences and future career opportunities; be it therefore
- resolved* that in deep appreciation for the support provided by Roberta and George Stevens, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Roberta A. and George E. Stevens Experiential Learning Fund; 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.

## **Johnson Meinhard SUNY Impact Foundation resolution**

- Whereas* The State University of New York (SUNY) Impact Foundation has made a generous gift to the School of Law and School of Engineering and Applied Sciences on behalf of former SUNY Chancellor Dr. Kristina M. Johnson and Ms. Veronica Meinhard; and
- whereas* Dr. Johnson, now president of the Ohio State University and Veronica Meinhard, president and founder of Juniper Philanthropy Partners, LLC, share a passion for the advancement of higher education; and
- whereas* Dr. Johnson is a world-renowned scholar in electrical engineering and has held prestigious positions, including dean of Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering, senior vice provost for academic affairs and provost at Johns Hopkins University, and undersecretary of energy in the U.S. Department of Energy; and
- whereas* Dr. Johnson and Ms. Meinhard are motivated to increase the number of under-represented minority students, particularly women, in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math fields; and
- whereas* they also wish to memorialize a treasured friend and colleague, the late Teresa A. Miller, former UB faculty member and vice provost for equity and inclusion, and SUNY senior vice chancellor for strategic initiatives and chief diversity officer; be it therefore
- resolved* that in deep appreciation for the SUNY Impact Foundation on behalf of Dr. Kristina M. Johnson and Ms. Veronica Meinhard, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Dr. Kristina M. Johnson and Veronica Meinhard STEM Scholarship, and the Teresa A. Miller Professorship in Law; 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.