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## MEMORANDUM

Date: June 10, 2019

To: Tina Byford, Interim Vice President for University Advancement

From: Lakshmi Reddi, Dean, NMSU College of Engineering

Subject: Request for Review of Honorarium Naming in John Whitlock Hernandez Hall, Building 397, classroom 240B, 925 sq ft in area, as the *Bud and Sharon Waters Civil Engineering Media Room*

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We request consideration of the following proposed naming opportunity located within Hernandez Hall, classroom 240B:

- **Bud and Sharon Waters:** Bud Waters grew up on a farm south of Mesilla Park, NM. He was employed by the NMSU Physical Plant Department in 1968 – 1974 and worked as a Drafting Supervisor under the direction of Mr. Duane Dorsey, then the University Architect. Bud worked on several NMSU Projects including new Campus Buildings and Facilities, the International Mall, the Aggie Pond, and the startups of NMSU Satellite Campuses. Bud also worked under the direction of Mr. Ed Engle, Special Assistant to NMSU Presidents Roger Corbett and Gerald Thomas. During his employment with NMSU, Bud attended Engineering Classes part-time and received a BS degree in Civil Engineering in December of 1973. Shortly after graduation, Bud began his professional career with Hunt Building Corporation in January 1974 as an Estimator, continuing his experience through the ranks to Project Manager in 1981. He was named Executive Vice President of Construction in 1999. As a Project Manager, he has managed the design and construction of more than \$1.4 billion in Military Construction Projects. Since 1991, Bud has had total responsibility for managing the development and construction of Hunt’s military family housing projects in Hawaii, encompassing more than 6,500 multifamily units. In honor of Bud’s work, he was initiated into the Academy of Civil, Agricultural, and Geological Engineering (ACAGE). ACAGE is a combination of the former Civil Engineering Department Advisory Committee which was organized in the Fall of 1981. The Academy

serve as multipurpose liaisons between the Department and the Engineering profession. The Academy represents private practice, industry, and government; providing ideas, advice, critical evaluation, guidance, and general support to the CE Department. The Academy is action-oriented and aids in developing support for engineering within New Mexico State University, across New Mexico, and our nation. Bud has been an active member of ACAGE since 2016. Bud retired after 41 years with Hunt in 2015. Bud and Sharon wanted to thank NMSU and the Civil Engineering Department for the wonderful life his education provided for them by establishing the JB Waters Endowed Scholarship at NMSU to support Engineering students from southern New Mexico with a gift of \$235,000. Bud and his wife currently reside close to their grandchildren in Cedar Park, Texas. They have two children and have been married for over 55 years. Since Bud moved back to the mainland United States in 2015, he has been an active member of the Dean's Advisory Council (DAC). After hearing about the need for a distance education classroom in the Department of Civil Engineering during the DAC meeting, Bud immediately made a donation to cover the equipment cost. Bud Waters' fingerprints can be found all over campus, he is a true Aggie. In honor of his commitment to NMSU and in honor of his investments in the Department of Civil Engineering, we are requesting to have Room 240B named in honorarium the "*Bud and Sharon Waters Civil Engineering Media Room*".

I know your time is valuable and I appreciate your attention and consideration on this honorarium classroom naming.