

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES**B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee**Renaming the Academic Computer Center “John M. Wallace Hall”RECOMMENDED ACTION

The administration and the Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee recommend the Academic Computer Center (3737 Brooklyn Ave NE) be renamed “John M. Wallace Hall,” effective immediately

BACKGROUND

The College of the Environment’s Dean’s Office, along with the Joint Institute for the Study of the Atmosphere and Ocean and the Program on the Environment occupy the Academic Computer Center (ACC), a building which does not currently house a computer center. This causes understandable confusion for students and visitors, especially those who are seeking computer support or access. As a result, this request is being put forward seeking approval to change the name of the Academic Computer Center to “John M. Wallace Hall.”

Section 2, Item A of the University of Washington Facilities and Spaces Naming Policy stipulates that in order to name a building after a person, that individual must have “rendered distinguished service to the University” or have “made a substantial contribution to society.” As outlined in the attached, Professor John “Mike” Wallace’s long-standing service both to the University of Washington and to the field of climate studies fulfills both of these criteria, with notable impact and scope.

Attachments

1. Biography of John M. Wallace
2. Presidential/Names Committee approval letter

John M. Wallace

John Michael Wallace was born in Flushing, New York on October 28, 1940. He received his Bachelors Degree from Webb Institute of Naval Architecture in 1962 and his doctoral degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1966. Since that time he has served as an academic faculty member at in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Washington. He was appointed to the rank of full Professor in 1975 and he served as department chair from 1983 to 1988.

Wallace held an adjunct faculty appointment in the former Institute for Environmental Studies from its inception in 1975 until its termination in 1995. The following year he was appointed to the UW Task Force on Environmental Education, which made recommendations that led to the formation of the Program on the Environment and he served for three years (1997-2000) as one of its founding co-Directors. He served as Director of the UW-NOAA Joint Institute for Studies of the Atmosphere and Ocean (JISAO) from 1982 until 1997 and again from 2004 until 2007. His UW committee service includes chairing the Ad Hoc Task Force for Faculty Rewards and Responsibilities (1998) and numerous other review and search committees. He is a recipient of the David B. Thorud Leadership Award, 2007.

Wallace's teaching responsibilities have ranged from elementary courses in weather and climate to graduate courses. He is co-author (with Peter V. Hobbs) of a textbook entitled "Atmospheric Science: An Introductory Survey", which is widely used in both graduate and undergraduate courses in the field, with over 40,000 copies sold since the First Edition was published in 1977. With support from grants from the National Science Foundation, he has funded and supervised 27 PhD students and 8 M.S. students.

Wallace's research and that of his students is concerned with global patterns of climate variability. Their work was instrumental in recognizing how El Nino affects winter climate over North America and the so-called "Arctic Oscillation", which has contributed to this winter's record-breaking cold over many parts of the Northern Hemisphere. One of their recent studies has helped to reconcile conflicting views concerning the rate of decline in winter snow pack in the Cascades in response to global warming. Wallace is among the most highly cited researchers in the earth sciences. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Geophysical Union, and the American Meteorological Society and a foreign member of the Russian Academy of Sciences. He is a recipient of the American Geophysical Union's Roger Revelle Medal and the American Meteorological Society's Carl Gustav Rossby Medal.

Attachment 1



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UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

January 11, 2010

Dennis Hartmann
Interim Dean, College of the Environment
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University of Washington

Dear Dennis:

I am pleased to inform you that President Emmert has concurred with the University Names Committee recommendation for approval of your request to re-name the Academic Computer Center in honor of Professor John "Mike" Wallace. The new name will be "John M. Wallace Hall."

As with all building names, this naming will require approval by the Regents (UW Handbook, Vol. 4, Chap. 10, Sect. 1.) You are responsible to prepare the item and get it on the Regent's agenda. Please see <http://www.washington.edu/regents/meetings/saf.html> for full instructions.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 2