

## VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

## B. Finance, Audit, and Facilities Committee

Naming of a Proposed Greenhouse and Wetlands Interpretive Center at UW Bothell as the *Sarah Simonds Green Conservatory*RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Finance, Audit, and Facilities Committee that the Board of Regents approve naming a proposed greenhouse and wetlands interpretive center slated for construction on the UW Bothell campus as the *Sarah Simonds Green Conservatory*.

BACKGROUND:

University of Washington alumnus Dr. Gordon Green has proposed a gift of \$3.5 million to fund construction and operations of a wetlands interpretive center with associated greenhouse and horticultural displays on the UW Bothell campus. The campus would apply \$2.5 million to construction of phase 1 of the wetlands interpretive and education center and retain \$1 million to fund a permanent endowment whose earnings would be used to support the center's operations. At the donor's request and consistent with UW Bothell's Master Plan (reviewed by the Board of Regents on September 16, 2010), the project would consist of a greenhouse, a small horticulture clean-up station, a research lab, a public education center, and one or two classrooms. This project will be sized so that the \$2.5 million capital portion of the gift will cover 100% of costs of construction; this greatly exceeds the minimum of 50% set by the University for donor-related naming.

In honor of his late mother, Dr. Green would like to propose that the University name the center the *Sarah Simonds Green Conservatory*. Both the Green and Simonds families played a prominent role in the history of Bothell. Sarah Green was the first graduate of Bothell High School, and her father, Henry Austin Simonds, was its founder and first principal. Sarah's husband Charles (Gordon's father) founded Green Ford in 1919, the first automobile dealership in the area. Gordon Green attended the University of Washington for two years before continuing his education in California, culminating in a Ph.D. Dr. Green currently resides in San Diego, California.

Dr. Gordon Green's nephew Dr. Ron Green continues to live in Bothell in one of the family's historic homes. Ron Green and his daughter, Tana Green, have been very involved in the gift and the conceptual design of the proposed *Sarah Simonds Green Conservatory*. Dr. Ron Green is a retired secondary-school educator, and Tana is a prominent architect who lives in New York City.

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#### REVIEW AND APPROVALS:

In accordance with University procedures, the University of Washington Bothell Names Committee, the Chancellor, and the Interim President have reviewed and approved this request.

#### *Attachments*

1. December 6, 2010 Letter from Vice Chancellor Penny to University of Washington Bothell Names Committee;
2. December 7, 2010 Letter from the University of Washington Bothell Names Committee to Chancellor Kenyon Chan;
3. December 8, 2010 Letter of Approval from Chancellor Chan to Interim President Wise with concurrence of Interim President Phyllis Wise

# **W** UNIVERSITY *of* WASHINGTON | BOTHELL

Ms. Betsy Tippens  
Chair, University of Washington Bothell Names Committee  
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Information Technologies  
Box 358540, University of Washington Bothell

December 6, 2010

Dear Betsy:

I am writing with regard to a potential donor recognition opportunity on the Bothell campus. The University of Washington Bothell has long desired to construct an interpretive center for the campus' extensive wetlands. To that end, the proposed center is prominently included in the master plan for the UW Bothell recently completed by Thomas Hacker and associates.

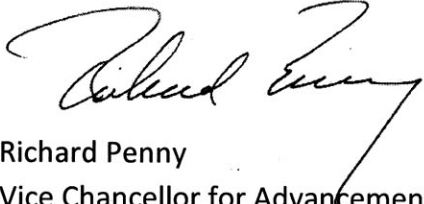
Recently I have been in conversation with a potential donor who is interested in making a gift in the \$2.5 to \$3.5 million range to fund phase 1 of such a center with an associated greenhouse and horticultural displays. It is proposed to use \$2.5 million for construction of phase 1 of our wetlands interpretive and education center and \$1 million will be used to fund an endowment to support the center. At the donor's request and consistent with our phase 1 plans, the building will include a greenhouse, a small horticulture clean-up station, a research lab, public education center, and one or two classrooms. This project will be sized so that the amount of the gift will cover 100% costs of construction; this greatly exceeds the minimum of 50% set by the University for donor-related naming.

Dr. Green would appreciate it if the center were named the *Sarah Simonds Green Conservatory*, in honor of his mother. Both the Green and Simonds families played a prominent role in the history of Bothell. The late Sarah Green was the first graduate of Bothell High School, and her father, Henry Austin Simonds, was its founder and first principal. Sarah's husband Charles (Gordon's father) was the founder in 1919 of Green Ford, the first automobile dealership in the area. Gordon Green attended the University of Washington for two years before continuing his education in California, culminating in a Ph.D.

Would the Names Committee please consider recommending to the Chancellor this proposal for designation of *Sarah Simonds Green Conservatory*?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Penny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Richard Penny  
Vice Chancellor for Advancement and External Relations

cc: Kenyon Chan

# **W** UNIVERSITY *of* WASHINGTON | BOTHELL

Dr. Kenyon Chan  
Chancellor  
University of Washington Bothell  
Box 358520

December 7, 2010

Dear Chancellor Chan:

The University of Washington Bothell Names Committee has reviewed a request from Vice Chancellor Richard Penny for support of naming a campus building currently in the planning stages. The campus anticipates the construction of a wetlands interpretive center and greenhouse that will be funded by a gift from UW alumnus Dr. Gordon Green. The proposed name for the building is the *Sarah Simonds Green Conservatory*.

The University of Washington Bothell Names Committee has reviewed and voted in support of this proposal. On behalf of the committee, I respectfully ask that you grant this request and forward it to Interim President Wise for transmittal to the Board of Regent.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Betsy Tippens  
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Information Technologies

cc: University of Washington Bothell Names Committee  
Richard Penny

Attachment 2

# W UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON | BOTHELL

December 8, 2010

Dr. Phyllis Wise  
Interim President  
201 Gerberding Hall  
University of Washington  
Box 351230

Dear Interim President Wise:

The University of Washington Bothell Names Committee has received a request to name a campus building currently in the planning stages. The campus anticipates the construction of a wetlands interpretive center and greenhouse that will be funded by a gift from UW alumnus Dr. Gordon Green. The proposed name for the center is the *Sarah Simonds Green Conservatory*.

The University of Washington Bothell Names Committee has reviewed and proposed the name for my approval. On behalf of the campus, I respectfully ask that you grant this request for naming of the *Sarah Simonds Green Conservatory* and forward it to the Board of Regents for their action.

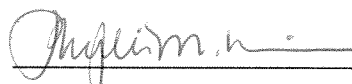
Thank you.

Sincerely,



Kenyon Chan  
Chancellor

cc: University of Washington Bothell Names Committee  
Richard Penny



Concurrence

Phyllis Wise, Interim President

12/10/10

Date