VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee

Naming of University of Washington Tacoma’s Assembly Hall to “William W. Philip Hall”

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The administration and the Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee recommend that the designation of the Assembly Hall be changed to the “William W. Philip Hall”.

BACKGROUND

With a major gift to UW Tacoma’s Assembly Hall, a request has been made by philanthropist and businessman, James A. Milgard, that this building be named in honor of William W. Philip, who provided critical leadership in establishing UW Tacoma.

William W. Philip, 81, is the retired CEO of Columbia Bank and former president of Puget Sound Bank. During his active banking career, he used his influence in the region to develop a robust coalition of philanthropic and political support for UW Tacoma that was essential to the founding of the campus and that continues to play a strong role.

Mr. Philip was UW Tacoma’s first donor and played an important part in getting the campus sited, especially in arranging for real estate options to keep down the cost of the University’s acquisition of land and buildings for the new campus. Mr. Philip has chaired or been the key volunteer on every one of UW Tacoma’s campaigns, including those for the $1 million Founders Endowment, the $1 million Next Step Scholars Endowment and the $5 million campaign to raise private funds for the Institute of Technology. He served on the UW Foundation Board during the University’s first comprehensive capital campaign.

In accordance with University procedures, the University of Washington Tacoma Naming Committee, the Provost and the President all reviewed and approved the proposal by the Chancellor’s Office that the Assembly Hall be named the "William W. Philip Hall".