

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES**B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee****Naming of Building #25 at the University of Washington's Sand Point Facility the Washington Dental Service Building for Early Childhood Oral Health****RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The administration and the Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee recommend that Building #25 of the UW's Sand Point facility be named the "Washington Dental Service Building for Early Childhood Oral Health" conditioned upon an approved gift. The naming term will be for 30 years from the gift receipt date, with right for continuation subject to subsequent review and approval by the Board of Regents. If, at any time, the organization is sold or reorganized under a different name, the naming agreement terminates subject to further consideration by the Regents

BACKGROUND

For the past twenty years, Washington Dental Service has been the School of Dentistry's largest and most consistent donor. The breadth of their support has allowed the School to make advances in oral health research, develop educational curriculum for students and professionals, expand community outreach, and provide scholarships for under represented minorities. They have established a Chair and two Professorships, and this year pledged a \$450,000 challenge grant to help the School launch a diversity scholarship campaign. With their capital gift of \$5 million to support a new Center for Early Childhood Oral Health, Washington Dental Service will become the School's first Presidential Laureate.

Importantly, Washington Dental Service's involvement with the UW extends far beyond financial support, as they have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the School for over a decade in efforts to serve vulnerable populations and increase access to dental care for young children. In the past three years, WDS has been an important community advisor and ally in developing the conceptual framework for an innovative Center for Early Childhood Oral Health that will incorporate early childhood oral health education, outreach and clinical services. The University's partner in this venture, Seattle Children's Hospital, has joined the UW in requesting major capital support from Washington Dental Service to renovate Building #25 for the new Center and, once again, WDS has stepped forward. We believe that recognizing the depth of partnership and support with this company through naming is both timely and appropriate.

The University Names Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the proposal by the School of Dentistry that Building #25 of the UW's Sand Point facility be named the "Washington Dental Service Building for Early Childhood Oral Health."