

RESOLUTION E08-15

HONORARY NAMING OF UNIVERSITY CENTER IN RECOGNITION OF DR. RITA RICE MORRIS

WHEREAS, Dr. Rita Rice Morris is the longest-serving Shawnee State University President, having led the institution for nearly half of its history, and has championed the causes and needs of Shawnee State University's growing and changing student population; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the University Center is among the more significant efforts led by Dr. Morris to enhance student life, creating meeting and lounge spaces for students, providing new student dining facilities, accommodating office space for student clubs and organizations, and bringing key student services together in one location making the University Center the visible hub of student activity on campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morris launched expansion of this facility during a time of reduced state funding for capital projects, by developing the first student-administration partnership that allowed for innovative support for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has previously expressed a desire to establish a meaningful approach to naming opportunities for buildings used by students, staff, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of Shawnee State University wish to recognize Dr. Morris' visionary leadership, passion for students, and lasting impact on Shawnee State University and its future;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the University Center shall be named in honor of Dr. Rita Rice Morris.

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