

RESOLUTION ASA09-24

**NAMING OF THE DEAL ARBORETUM
AT SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, Policy 4.91Rev., Naming of University Buildings and Campus Areas, authorizes the Board to remove and/or change names of buildings and structures, spaces, units or entities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Deal served Shawnee State with distinction as Professor of Biology for 29 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Deal served on the Shawnee State University Tree Care Committee and Portsmouth City Shade Tree Commission, and was instrumental in attaining Tree Campus USA status for the campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Deal spent the majority of his career ensuring that the collection of trees growing on the Shawnee State campus represented the diversity of the Eastern deciduous forest, were well-cared for, and were properly cataloged to create a population spanning over 65 acres, containing 400 trees, and 100 distinct species; and

WHEREAS, the joint efforts of the University Facilities, Planning, and Construction Office, the Department of Natural Sciences, and the campus Tree Care Committee have resulted in approval from ArbNet to designate the tree collection as a level II accredited arboretum; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of Shawnee State University wish to recognize Dr. Deal's years of service to the institution in his role as professor and overseer of the health and diversity of the campus tree population;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the population of trees on the Shawnee State University Campus will be named in honor of Dr. Robert Deal and known as The Deal Arboretum at Shawnee State University.

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