TO: Board of Governors
FROM: Professor Suzanne Fortier, Principal and Vice-Chancellor
Marc Weinstein, Vice-Principal (University Advancement)
SUBJECT: Renaming Proposal for University Asset
DATE: October 6, 2016
DOCUMENT #: GD16-09
ACTION REQUIRED: □ INFORMATION  ☑ APPROVAL/DECISION

ISSUE & EXPECTED OUTCOME
In accordance with the provisions of the Policy Relating to the Naming of University Assets, the Board of Governors is asked to consider the approval of the renaming of the Schulich Library of Science and Engineering located in the Macdonald-Stewart Library Building to the Schulich Library of Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Engineering.

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE
As per section 7.4 of the Policy Relating to the Naming of University Assets, renaming proposals affecting an academic unit or program, or buildings or other significant tangible assets, must first be considered by an Ad Hoc Committee composed of the Principal, members of the Board of Governors, the Senate, and the University community, and then presented for approval to the Board of Governors.

The Ad Hoc Committee met on September 26, 2016 to review the renaming proposal and agreed to recommend to the Principal that it be submitted to the Board of Governors for approval. The minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee’s deliberations are attached as Appendix A.

The Schulich Library of Science and Engineering currently supports the teaching, learning, and research of the staff and students of the Faculties of Dentistry, Engineering, Medicine, and Science.

It occupies the former Macdonald Physics Building, which was built in 1893 by A.T. Taylor. Here, Ernest Rutherford conducted the research (1898 – 1907) that would eventually lead to his Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1908. The building was completely renovated and reopened in 1982 as the Macdonald-Stewart Library Building. At this time, physical sciences and engineering collections were merged and brought together important collections such as the Baillie Library of...
Chemistry and the Mossman Collection on the History of Science and Ideas.

In 2001, the Library was renamed the Schulich Library of Science and Engineering in honour of the family of Seymour Schulich (BSc’61, MBA’65), a generous benefactor of both the Library and the University. In 2013, the life sciences library collections were merged with the physical sciences and engineering collections in the Schulich Library stacks.

In recognition of the fact that the Life Sciences disciplines (Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, etc.) are now served through the Schulich Library, it is requested that the Schulich Library of Science and Engineering be renamed to the Schulich Library of Physical Sciences, Life Sciences and Engineering to accurately reflect the scope of the offered collections and services.

| ALIGNMENT WITH MISSION AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES | The renaming of the Library accurately reflects the disciplines supported by the merged library. The honorific donor, Mr. Seymour Schulich, has been contacted and is in full support of the renaming initiative. The Ad Hoc Committee drafted to review this proposal has unanimously approved the renaming. The Office of the Vice-Principal (University Advancement) has also given its support. |
| COMPLIANCE WITH UNIVERSITY POLICY | The proposal complies with the *Policy Relating to the Naming of University Assets*. |
| COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATION/EXTERNAL REGULATIONS | The renaming is not subject to external legislation or external regulations. |
| RISK FACTORS | No risks are associated with this renaming proposal. |
| SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS | There are no known sustainability considerations associated with the proposed renaming. |
| IMPACT OF DECISION AND NEXT STEPS | The renamed Schulich Library of Physical Sciences, Life Sciences and Engineering will clearly indicate which collections and services are offered by the branch. The Library website and online and offline promotional materials will be updated to reflect the new name. |
| MOTION OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL | *Be it resolved that the Board of Governors, on recommendation of the Principal and Vice-Chancellor, approve the renaming of the “Schulich Library of Science and Engineering” located in the Macdonald-Stewart Library Building to the “Schulich Library of Physical Sciences, Life Sciences and Engineering”.* |
| APPENDICES | Appendix A: Minutes of Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting of September 26, 2016 |
Minutes of a meeting of the Principal’s Ad Hoc Consultation Committee on Renaming of University Assets held on Monday, September 26, 2016, in room 506 of the James Administration Building.

PRESENT:

Members:
- Prof. Suzanne Fortier, Principal and Vice-Chancellor
- Mr. Ron Critchley, Board Member
- Ms. Heidi Emami, Member of the McGill Community
- Prof. Lucyna Lach, Senator

Resource Persons:
- Ms. Edyta Rogowska, Secretary-General
- Mr. Victor Arshad, Governance Officer (Secretariat)
- Ms. Diane Koen, Senior Director (Libraries)

As provided for under Section 7.4 of the Policy Relating to the Naming of University Assets, the Principal established an Ad hoc Consultation Committee. In addition to the Principal, the Committee included Mr. Ron Critchley (Board of Governors), Prof. Lucyna Lach (Senate) and Ms. Heidi Emami (Member of McGill Community).

The Ad Hoc Committee considered the following naming proposal:

- The renaming of the Schulich Library of Science and Engineering as the “Schulich Library of Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Engineering”

The Ad Hoc Committee reviewed the naming proposal, noting that it was consistent with the principles and criteria set out in the Policy Relating to the Naming of University Assets. After discussion, the Committee indicated its unanimous support for the renaming proposal.