

UNIVERSITY OF  
NORTHERN COLORADO

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA ITEM**

Meeting Date: June 11, 2021	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Information Item	
<b>Name of Item:</b>	<b>Recommended Naming of the Athletics Sports Performance Center as the Empower Center</b>

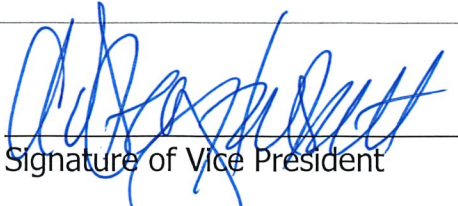
Responsible Staff Member: Allie Steg Haskett

**Summary of Issue:**  
 UNC recently completed fundraising for a new Sports Performance Center for our 400 student-athletes. This new weight room facility will be 10,250 square-feet and will offer flexibility for large team workouts, new branded equipment, an enhanced nutrition station, indoor/outdoor access, and strength coaching offices. It will also give UNC a distinct recruiting advantage over Big Sky competitors.

This \$4 million project, which will be built and furnished entirely with donor funds, was made possible by the generosity of many donors, including lead donors John '84 and Angela '89 Schmidt. The Schmidt family made a \$1 million gift to the project, bringing their total lifetime giving to over \$2.2 million. They were offered the opportunity to name the building as a way to recognize their generosity and commitment to this project. They humbly declined displaying their own name on the building and instead recommended the "Empower Center". They chose the name Empower Center because they strongly believe that philanthropy empowers opportunities for people to succeed. Their commitment to this project reflects their confidence that UNC and this new building will empower our student-athletes to achieve the strength needed to succeed throughout life. In addition to being donors and strong ambassadors for UNC, John has served UNC as a member of the UNC Foundation Board of Directors and MCB Dean's Leadership Council.

Recommended Action by BOT:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> No Action Needed
Change to Board Policy Manual:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action Needed
	If yes, Section:

**Administrative Recommendation (Motion):** Approval of the naming of the Empower Center

  
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