

Office of the President
September 16, 2022

Members, Board of Trustees:

NAMING OF THE INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD FACILITY

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the naming of the new indoor track and field facility as the “Jim Green Indoor Track and Field Center”.

Background: The indoor track and field facility is a \$20 million project funded with private funds and is being constructed on the site of the former baseball field, next to the outdoor track facilities. Mr. Joseph W. Craft III and Ambassador Kelly Craft have pledged a gift in the amount of \$7.5 million to support the football and track and field programs with the renovation of Nutter Field House (the indoor practice facility of the Kentucky football program) and the construction of the new indoor track and field center which will support over 100 men and women on the university’s track and field teams. In recognition of this gift, the university agrees to name the track and field facility the “Jim Green Indoor Track and Field Center” in honor of the first African American student-athlete to graduate from the University of Kentucky, Mr. Jim Green.

Mr. Green is a native of Eminence, Kentucky and won multiple national track and field National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) national championships and Southeastern Conference (SEC) championships prior to earning a bachelor’s degree from the University of Kentucky in 1971. Mr. Green has committed himself to his priority of giving back by mentoring young Kentuckians.

The Advisory Committee on Naming University Property has reviewed this request and found it to be in compliance with Administrative Regulation 9:5 and recommends approval of this name designation, pending the Board of Trustees approval of the \$7.5 million pledge.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____