

Board Meeting  
March 7, 2013

DESIGNATE THE M. CHRISTINE SCHWARTZ EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING LABORATORY, THE M. CHRISTINE SCHWARTZ LOBBY, AND THE M. CHRISTINE SCHWARTZ RESEARCH SEMINAR ROOMS, COLLEGE OF NURSING, CHICAGO

**Action:** Approve naming of The M. Christine Schwartz Experiential Learning Laboratory, The M. Christine Schwartz Lobby, and The M. Christine Schwartz Research Seminar Rooms in the College of Nursing

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois has recommended the naming of specific areas of the College of Nursing, located at 845 South Damen Avenue, as The M. Christine Schwartz Experiential Learning Laboratory, The M. Christine Schwartz Lobby, and The M. Christine Schwartz Research Seminar Rooms in recognition of a \$2,212,000 gift from M. Christine Schwartz and the T & C Schwartz Family Foundation.

The donor's gift will be used to improve the physical environment of the College of Nursing building, built in 1969, in order to enhance the educational climate and safety of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests. The gift will fund the construction, design, permitting of and/or equipment and furniture related to the escalator removal, and renovation project at the College of Nursing.

The escalators have been nonfunctional for the last fifteen years and were enclosed to ensure safety for the building occupants. The escalators affect four floors

from the lower level to the third floor and the removal of the escalators will create approximately 2,500 square feet of useable space. The scope of work includes:

- Removal of the escalator on the lower level, first, second, and third floors.
- The space on the lower level (M. Christine Schwartz Experiential Learning Laboratory) will be renovated to build two high fidelity simulation rooms that will be used to create clinical scenarios for the development of clinical decision-making and experiential learning.
- The freed space in the lobby (M. Christine Schwartz Lobby) will mirror the recently renovated other half of the lobby to provide additional communal and work space for students including electrical access for computers.
- The second floor will provide two research meeting rooms for students, fellows, and faculty. This space (M. Christine Schwartz Research Seminar Rooms) will also be offered to students as space for individual study and team work.
- Enhanced storage space will be created on the third floor for equipment used in the event center.
- Renovation of the first floor men's and women's bathrooms.
- Improvement of the S1 and S2 stairwells.

Mrs. M. Christine Schwartz is co-founder and principal of TCS Group, L.L.C. in Chicago, a private investment and service firm, and director of the T & C Schwartz Family Foundation. She is a member of the UIC College of Nursing Executive Advisory Board. Mrs. Schwartz holds a BSN from the UIC College of Nursing; an M.S. in Health Education from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana; and an M.S. from the School of Nursing and Health Studies at Northern Illinois University. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Miami, serving on the

Master Planning & Construction Committee and the Visiting Committee for the School of Nursing and Health Studies.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.