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# ESTABLISH THE CONNIE FRANK CARE (COORDINATION, ASSISTANCE, RESPONSE AND EDUCATION) CENTER,

# OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS, URBANA

**Action:** Establish the Connie Frank CARE (Coordination, Assistance, Response and Education) Center, Office of the Dean of Students

**Funding:** Gift Funds

The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends approval of a proposal from Student Affairs to create the “Connie Frank CARE Center” within the Office of the Dean of Students.

The Connie Frank CARE (Coordination, Assistance, Response and Education) Center will provide students with one, centralized place to go on campus for individualized case management, basic needs support, problem-solving assistance, and emergency resources. The center will also help students access health and well-being support by facilitating (not duplicating) connections to other campus health units and community partners. The center will also engage in education, programming, and outreach so that students and staff are able to identify students in distress and how best to offer support and assistance. The center will help foster a greater sense of belonging and community on campus.

Through her generous support, Connie Frank has established the Connie Frank Development and Endowment Funds to create this center within the Office of the Dean of Students. The development fund will provide current use funding to support capital improvements for and design of the intended CARE Center space in the Turner Student Services Building. The endowment fund will support the operation of the center in perpetuity.

Connie Frank is a 1965 graduate of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with a degree in English from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Connie grew up in Springfield, Illinois, and has lived in California since 1972. She is a philanthropist who has funded the Connie Frank Transplant Center at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) and the Connie Frank Kidney Transplant Center at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). Connie resides in Beverly Hills, California with her husband Evan Thompson.

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 executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs with this recommendation.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.