

**BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION**

**COMMITTEE:** Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy    **NO.:** FAAP 17-09

**COMMITTEE DATE:** October 4, 2016

**BOARD DATE:** October 11, 2016

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**NAMING OF SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S  
BUILDING 19 IN HONOR OF DR. IRA RUBENZAHL**

**MOVED:**            The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the May 25, 2016 request of the Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) Board of Trustees to name the presently-designated "Building 19" the "Ira Rubenzahl Student Learning Commons" in honor of former STCC President Dr. Ira Rubenzahl.

**Authority:**            Section 9(m) of Chapter 15A of the Massachusetts General Laws

**Contact:**             Sean P. Nelson, Deputy Commissioner for Administration & Finance

## Background

Please see the attached letter from the Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees.



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May 25, 2016

Dr. Carlos Santiago, Commissioner  
Massachusetts Department of Higher Education  
One Ashburton place  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 1401  
Boston, MA 02108-1696

**RE: Naming of Building 19 at Springfield Technical Community College**

Dear Dr. Santiago:

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that on March 28, 2016, the Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees, unanimously, voted to recommend the naming of a campus building after retiring President, Dr. Ira Rubenzahl. The building, presently designated as "Building 19," is to be renamed the "Ira Rubenzahl Student Learning Commons". Attached, please find a copy of the Board's motion authorizing this action.

As you know, Dr. Rubenzahl has served with distinction since July of 2004 as the College's fifth president and is retiring at the conclusion of this academic year. The Board of Trustees makes this recommendation as an acknowledgement of Dr. Rubenzahl's outstanding service and commitment to the College and the greater Springfield community.

In accordance with the Board of Higher Education's Board Action, FAAP 15-14, it is my understanding that our Board's recommendation requires the approval of the Board of Higher Education. I request your assistance to facilitate the approval process with the BHE and I am available to assist in whatever manner necessary. As we are interested in conducting a naming ceremony later this spring, I appreciate your timely support and assistance with this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Johnson", is written over the typed name.

Christopher C. Johnson  
Chair  
Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees

cc: Sean P. Nelson, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance, Massachusetts  
Department of Higher Education

# [MOTION]

STCC Board of Trustees

Approval of Recommending to  
the Board of Higher Education  
the Naming Building 19 “The  
Ira Rubenzahl Student Learning  
Commons”

Springfield Technical Community College  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

[MOTION]

No.: 2016-18  
Date: March 28, 2016  
Subject: Approval of Recommending to the Board of Higher Education the Naming Building 19 "The Ira Rubenzahl Student Learning Commons"

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MOVE: That the Board of Trustees of Springfield Technical Community College recommends to the Board of Higher Education that the building presently designated as "Building 19" on the Springfield Technical Community College campus be named the "Ira Rubenzahl Student Learning Commons" in recognition of President Rubenzahl's outstanding service and commitment to the College and the greater Springfield community.