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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA – PROPOSED REMOVAL OF NAME

Action Requested: Consider removing the name “Stephen A. Wynn” from the Institute for Vision Research at the University of Iowa.

Executive Summary: At its August 2013 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the University of Iowa’s request to name the Institute for Vision Research the “Stephen A. Wynn Institute for Vision Research.” The naming request was in recognition of Mr. Wynn’s \$25 million gift commitment to support the Institute.

As noted in the March 17, 2015 agreement with Mr. Wynn, the naming recognition was and is subject to applicable policies and approvals of the Board of Regents and the University:

“The naming recognition is, and remains, subject to applicable policies and approvals of the Board of Regents and the University and to subsequent reconsideration by the Board and/or UI. Only in extraordinary circumstances, UI and/or the Board may reconsider the naming if the prior approved naming may be damaging to the reputation of the Board or UI, or contradictory to applicable law or to the policies, procedures, or strategic objectives of the Board of UI.”

In light of recent public disclosures of alleged sexual misconduct by Mr. Wynn, the University requests the Board of Regents approve the removal of the Wynn name from the Institute as the University has determined it is damaging to the reputation of the University of Iowa.