UNIVERSITY OF IOWA PROPOSED FACILITY NAMING

Action Requested: Recommend the Board approve the University of Iowa’s proposal to name the Iowa Wrestling Training Center the “Goschke Family Wrestling Training Center.”

- Board’s Policy Manual §2.3 requires Board approval of proposed honorary facility namings of all “Major Units.” Major Units include entire buildings, wings of buildings, colleges, programs and large sections of campus.

Executive Summary: The University of Iowa requests approval from the Board of Regents, State of Iowa to name the Iowa Wrestling Training Center in honor of Doug and Ann Goschke. Construction for the proposed “Goschke Family Wrestling Training Center” began in Summer 2022 and is adjacent to Carver-Hawkeye Arena, home of Iowa wrestling for almost 40 years.

Both Iowa natives, Doug and Ann have a passion for philanthropy. They made their first major gift commitment to the University of Iowa Department of Intercollegiate Athletics in March 2019, a $1 million gift supporting the Kinnick Edge Campaign. Avid collectors of art, Doug and Ann gifted a Norman Rockwell painting to the University of Iowa Stanley Museum of Art in October 2020. The Iowa wrestling culture of passion, hard work and determination inspired the Goschkes to make a leadership gift commitment of $7 million to the Carver Circle Campaign.

Their commitment, along with transformational gifts from other generous donors, propelled the campaign forward and allowed the University to privately fund the entire project, proceed to public bidding and break ground earlier this summer.
The “Goschke Family Wrestling Training Center” would span 38,500 square feet, allowing Iowa men’s and women’s wrestling student-athletes to train at the highest level. The space would be equipped with a 13,000 square foot wrestling room, a strength training area, team locker rooms and athletic training facilities. The facility would also include staff offices, a student-athlete lounge, recruiting meeting rooms and a street-level hall of champions, dedicated to the history and success of Iowa wrestling.

A former accountant and consultant in the lean manufacturing/efficiency and financial spaces, Doug and his partners sold their business in 2008. The Goschkes are now retired and split their time between Iowa and Florida. The Goschkes were delighted to make a facility naming gift to bring this fundraising campaign to the point of success.