

12. SUPPORT GROUPS AND NAMING POLICY

Friends of the Natural Reserve System

The Friends of the Natural Reserve System (NRS) functions as a support group dedicated to the programs and development of the NRS system of research and teaching reserves. Its primary objectives are to foster increased academic and community support and to generate a new source of funding through membership dues and donations. The program is intended to be self-supporting.

Currently a tremendous number of people and organizations have an inherent interest in the NRS. Students, faculty, academic and administrative staff as well as neighbors, community leaders, and land management agencies are just a few of the constituencies that can be reached by a “Friends” program. An expanded description of the Friends program is available from the Systemwide office.

Naming a Reserve Property, Program, or Facility

From time to time, an occasion may arise for naming a reserve property, program, or facility in honor of a donor or distinguished individual. In most cases, this would require the submittal of a proposal to the President, who has the authority to name “University land reserves, buildings, major centers of activities and other highly visible properties, and major or multicampus programs or facilities.” (See Letter to Chancellors—Endowed Chairs and Namings, June 14, 1996, <http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/coordrev/policy/6-14-96.html>).

All naming in recognition of an honoree must be consistent with the University's "Policy on Naming University Properties, Academic and Non-Academic Programs, and Facilities." The most recent policy is posted at the UCOP Presidential policy website (<http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/coordrev/policy/>). Preparation of proposals for naming should be closely coordinated with the Systemwide office.