STATE OF TENNESSEE
TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
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MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY	)	
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TENNESSEE BOARD OF REGENTS	)	
Petitioners,	)	**CASE NUMBER: 04.47-150473A**
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RE:	)	**THC 16-0001**
FORREST HALL	)	
(PETITION FOR WAIVER)	)	
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NOTICE OF HEARING

1. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated ("Tenn. Code Ann.") § 4-5-307, and the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act of 2016, Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-412, the Tennessee Historical Commission provides formal notice of the commencement of a final hearing upon the above-referenced matter regarding the name of a structure located on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University. The final hearing will be held in the presence of Administrative Law Judge Thomas G. Stovall and in the presence of the Tennessee Historical Commission on February 16, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. The final hearing will be located in the Multimedia Room, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 3rd Floor, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37243. The hearing will also be available for viewing by video conference at the Tennessee Department of Environment

and Conservation Environmental Field Offices in Memphis, Jackson, Chattanooga, Columbia, Cookeville, Chattanooga, and Johnson City. Addresses for the Environmental Field Offices can be obtained on the Internet at https://www.tn.gov/environment/about-tdec/about-field-offices-home.html or by calling 1-888-891-8332.

2. The procedures of this final hearing will be as provided in Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-412, and in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act governing contested cases, when such provisions are not in conflict with Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-412.

3. As provided by Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-412(c):

   A. A final hearing before the commission on a petition for waiver shall be scheduled at any regular commission meeting no sooner than one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after a petition is filed; provided, that if an amendment to the petition is filed, then no final hearing shall be scheduled until at least one hundred eighty (180) calendar days have elapsed from the date of the filing of the amendment.

   B. An interested entity, group, or individual shall be afforded an opportunity to offer public comments regarding a petition for waiver at any commission hearing on a petition. An interested entity, group, or individual may file a memorandum, report, study, letter, or other document related to the petition for consideration by the commission prior to the final hearing on the petition. Upon providing written notice at least three (3) business days prior to a final hearing, an interested entity, group, or

individual shall be allowed an opportunity to present relevant testimony or evidence at the final hearing on a petition.

C. All hearings regarding a petition for waiver shall be recorded. Copies of the record and all exhibits shall be available to any interested entity, group, or individual at the cost of the public entity seeking the waiver.

D.

i. In order for a waiver to be granted, the public entity seeking the waiver shall demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that a material or substantial need for a waiver based on historical or other compelling public interest exists; provided, that if a memorial is designated as a national historic landmark or listed on the national register of historic places, there shall be a presumption in favor of preservation of the memorial.

ii. At the final hearing, the commission may grant a petition for waiver, in whole or in part, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership of the commission by roll call vote. The commission may include reasonable conditions and instructions to ensure that a memorial is preserved and remains publicly accessible to the greatest extent possible. Any petition for waiver that fails to receive a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be denied. Within thirty (30) calendar days from the final hearing, the final determination of the commission shall be reduced to writing and shall state the commission's findings and the grounds on which the relief is granted or denied. The effective date of the determination shall be not less than one hundred

twenty (120) calendar days after notice of the commission's determination is posted on the web site of the commission. Copies of the final determination shall be sent to the public entity seeking the waiver and to each interested entity, group, or individual who testified or submitted evidence at the final hearing.

E. A public entity seeking a waiver or interested entity, group, or individual who testified or submitted evidence at the final hearing who is aggrieved by the final determination of the commission on the petition for a waiver may file a petition for review in the chancery court of Davidson County or, alternatively, in the county in which the memorial is located or, in the case of a memorial that is located in multiple counties, the county in which the memorial is predominantly located. A petition for review shall be filed within sixty (60) calendar days after notice of the commission's determination is posted on the web site of the commission. The court shall conduct a de novo review on the record of the issues. The review shall be conducted without a presumption that the determinations and findings of the commission are correct. Additional evidence may be introduced and considered by the court.

4. Consistent with Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-305(b), any party may be represented, at the party's own expense, by counsel. Petitioner Middle Tennessee State University is represented by Heidi Zimmerman, Cope Administration Building 209, 1301 East Main Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37132. Petitioner Tennessee Board of Regents is represented by Mary Moody, 1 Bridgestone Park, Third Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37214.

5. The Petitioners request that the Tennessee Historical Commission issue a waiver allowing Middle Tennessee State University to change the name of a structure located on the campus of the university from "Forrest Hall" to "Army ROTC Building" under the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act of 2016.
6. All documents to be filed with the Tennessee Historical Commission and notice of intent to present testimony or evidence as provided under Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-412, and any motions and pleadings may be filed with the Secretary of State, Administrative Procedures Division, 8th floor, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37243, referencing the docket number above.
7. The aforementioned petition for waiver is attached and supplements the statement of issues herein.
8. The Sons of Confederate Veterans Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp #215 has filed a petition to intervene which has been filed with the Administrative Procedures Division.
9. The undersigned counsel represent the Tennessee Historical Commission by virtue of Tenn. Code. Ann. § 11-1-101, which establishes that the Tennessee Historical Commission is administratively attached to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation ("TDEC"). Therefore, the administrative action required to provide a notice of a hearing for an agency as recognized under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act under the rules of the Department of State, Administrative Procedures Division, is being taken by counsel residing within the TDEC Office of General Counsel.

This representation is limited and is not based on TDEC's status as a party in this contested case.

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of January, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been sent to: **Heidi Zimmerman, Cope Administration Building 209, 1301 East Main Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37132; Mary Moody, 1 Bridgestone Park, Third Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37214;** and **Douglas E. Jones, 501 Union Street, Suite 701, Nashville, Tennessee 37219,** regular United States mail, this 31st day of January, 2018.

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE
STATE UNIVERSITY

October 13, 2016

E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr.
Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer
Tennessee Historical Commission
2941 Lebanon Pike
Nashville, TN 37214

Re: Petition for Waiver, Forrest Hall

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

Enclosed with this letter is the Petition for Waiver concerning Forrest Hall filed on behalf of the Tennessee Board of Regents and Middle Tennessee State University. The Petition for Waiver is being filed pursuant to the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act of 2016, T.C.A. §4-1-412. Please place this matter on the February 17, 2017 agenda of the Tennessee Historical Commission for consideration.

All required materials are included; however, if additional information is needed or if you have questions, please contact Heidi Zimmerman, MTSU University Counsel, 615.898.2025 or heidi.zimmerman@mtsu.edu.

Sincerely,

Sidney A. McPhee
President

C: Chancellor David Gregory
Emily Reynolds, Vice Chair

Attachments

TENNESSEE HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT OF 2016

PETITION FOR WAIVER COVER SHEET

In accordance with T.C.A. § 4-1-412, an initial hearing before the Tennessee Historical Commission on a petition for waiver shall be scheduled at any regular Commission meeting no sooner than 60 calendar days after a petition is filed. Regular meetings of the Tennessee Historical Commission are normally held on the third Friday of February, June, and October. This cover sheet is designed to aid in the review of the petition for waiver. Refer to T.C.A. § 4-1-412 for procedural and term definitions.

Petition Date: October 13, 2016

Petitioning Entity: Tennessee Board of Regents and Middle Tennessee State University

Contact Name: Heidi Zimmerman, University Counsel, MTSU

Address: 1301 E. Main St, Murfreesboro, TN 37132

Phone Number: 615.898.2025

Email Address: heidi.zimmerman@mtsu.edu

Memorial Owner/Managing Entity (if different): _____

Contact Name: _____

Address:

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Memorial Name or Description: Forrest Hall

Memorial Type (check all that apply):

- ☐ Artwork
- ☐ Bridge
- ☑ Building
- ☐ Bust
- ☐ Flag
- ☐ Historic Display
- ☐ Memorial
- ☐ Monument
- ☐ Nameplate
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Plaque
- ☐ Preserve
- ☐ Real Property
- ☐ Reserve
- ☐ School
- ☐ Statue
- ☐ Street

Memorial Subject Category (check all that apply):

- ☐ Historic Conflict
- ☐ Historic Entity
- ☐ Historic Event
- ☑ Historic Figure
- ☐ Historic Organization

Memorial Subject Description: 2-story building containing offices, classrooms and lab.
14,177 gross square feet, 12,824 net square feet.
4 classrooms, 1 lab, 10 offices plus circulation, structure and support areas.

Memorial Location Description: 543 Champion Way

Memorial GPS Coordinates: 1860033 551899

Memorial Location City: Murfreesboro

Memorial Location County: Rutherford County

Waiver Type:

- ☐ Alteration
- ☐ Rededication
- ☐ Relocation
- ☐ Removal
- ☑ Renaming
- ☐ Other Disturbance or Alteration

Waiver Type Description:

Remove the name Forrest Hall and rename it the Army ROTC Building.

Basis Upon Which Waiver is Sought:

Please see attached Petition for Waiver and Attachments.

Required Attachments:

- [x] Proof that the memorial is or is located on public property
- [x] Proof that the petitioning entity is a public entity exercising control of the memorial
- [x] Detailed statement of the request and the basis upon which the waiver is sought
- [x] Report(s) showing that there is a material or substantial need for a waiver based on historical or other compelling public interest
- [x] Excel spreadsheet listing the names and addresses of any private entities, groups, or individuals, including, but not limited to, descendants, that may have an interest in receiving notice of the petition
- [x] Copy of published notice of the petition for waiver stating the basis on which the waiver is sought and that a copy of the petition and all supporting reports will be provided to any interested party at no cost upon written request submitted to the petitioning entity on the website of the petitioning entity
- [x] Copy of published notice of the petition for waiver stating the basis on which the waiver is sought and that a copy of the petition and all supporting reports will be provided to any interested party at no cost upon written request submitted to the petitioning entity in at least one newspaper of general circulation serving the area of the memorial
- [x] Copy of published notice of the petition for waiver stating the basis on which the waiver is sought and that a copy of the petition and all supporting reports will be provided to any interested party at no cost upon written request submitted to the petitioning entity in at least one newspaper of general circulation serving Davidson County
- [x] Photograph(s) of the memorial

Deliver completed cover sheet and attachments to:

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Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer
Tennessee Historical Commission
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Nashville, TN 37214
Patrick.McIntyre@tn.gov

TBR, MTSU

Petition for Waiver

Forrest Hall is

Located on Public Property

or may hereafter acquire in and to said described land. A lien is expressly retained on said land for the payment in full of the deferred payment in full of the deferred payments thereon. This the 5th day of Jan'y 1914.

C. P. Partee.

Addie Partee.

STATE OF TENNESSEE---RUTHERFORD COUNTY.

Personally appeared before me Collier Crichlow, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, the within named C. P. Partee the bargainor, with whom I am personally acquainted and who acknowledged that he executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained. And Addie Partee, wife of the C. P. Partee having personally appeared before me, privately and apart from her husband, the said Addie Partee acknowledged the execution of said instrument to have been done by her freely, voluntarily and understandingly, without compulsion or constraint from her husband, and for the purpose therein contained.

Witness my hand and official seal, (SEAL) at Murfreesboro Tennessee, this 5th day of Jan. 1914

Collier Crichlow, Notary Public.

Noted Jan. 5th at 11:55 A. M. 1914.

Registered Feb. 17th 1914.

T. H. Harrison et al

TO) DEED

Tenn., State Board of Education.

State of Tennessee, Rutherford County:- For and in consideration of thesum of $35,750 paid and to be paid as hereinafter stated, we, the undersigned T. H. Harrison and wife, Mattie L. Harrison, and Joe M. Black and wife, Ella Black,

(1) Do hereby sell and convey to the Tennessee State Board of Education and their successors in office forever the following described tract of land located in the 13th District of Rutherford County, Tennessee, bounded and described as follows:-

Beginning at a point, J. H. Thompson's southwest corner, in the middle of the Murfreesboro and Woodbury pike; thence with Thompson's West line North 00° 15' East 762 feet to Thompson's northwest corner; thence with the North line of J. H. Thompson, George Downing, T. N. Holt and James Nelson South 85° 30' East 2205 feet to a stone, C. H. Nagland's southwest corner in James Nelson's North line; thence with Nagland's West line North 11°40' East 1156 feet to a marked hickory; thence South 84°40' East 156 feet to a stake; thence North 2°30' East 1197 feet to a stake; thence North 86° 45' West 834 feet to a stake; thence North 2° 30' East with Will Baird's West line 1101 feet to the middle of the Murfreesboro and Halls Hill pike, a point in Tom Brown's South line; thence with the middle of the pike North 82° West 1070 feet; thence North 83° 20' West 730 feet to an iron spike in the middle of the pike, the northeast corner of the Tennessee Normal's 100 acre tract; thence with the East line of this tract South 2° 45' West 750 feet to a stake; thence South 87° 15' East 941.46 feet to a stake; thence South 2° 45' West 2590 feet to a stake; thence North 87 15' West 941.46 feet to a stake; thence South 2° 45' West 1101 feet to the middle of the Murfreesboro and Woodbury Pike; thence with the middle of the pike south 80° 35' East 165 feet to the beginning, containing 133 acres, as a survey of W. T. Henderson, Surveyor of Rutherford County made Nov. 10, 1913.

(2) And do hereby release and discharge said Tennessee State Board of Education from their said contracts and obligations resting upon said Tennessee State Board of Education to build certain streets as set out in a certain contract or agreement dated Jan. 18, 1911, and in a certain deed dated Sept. 15, 1910, which said deed is recorded in Book 54, page 23-24, Register's office, Rutherford County, Tennessee, and reference is here made to said deed for particulars as to said contracts and obligations.

(3) And do hereby grant to the said Tennessee State Board of Education a right of way of drainage from the Boulevard to the Halls Hill and Lascasses Pike across the said property of Harrison and Black provided, however, that said State Board of Education shall construct or cause to be constructed a sufficient outlet for water across the Halls Hill Pike by a concrete culvert, and provided further that in draining through said property the dirt shall be removed to the low places at the end of the elevations through which said ditch is cut and if said drainage is done by open ditch said ditch shall be cut back a sufficient width to be effective against filling up.

To have and to hold the aforesaid tract of land to the said Tennessee State Board of Education and their successors forever. We covenant that we are lawfully seized and possessed of said tract of land, that we have a right to sell and convey it, and that the title to the

same is clear, free and unincumbered, and we further covenant and bind ourselves, our heirs and representatives, to forever warrant and defend the title to the same to the said Tennessee State Board of Education and their successors against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

Of the consideration aforesaid the sum of $5000 is cash in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged; the sum of $5750 is to be paid on or before July 1, 1914; the balance is evidenced by five notes of $5000 each due on or before July 1, 1915, July 1, 1916, July 1st, 1917, July 1, 1918, and July 1, 1919, respectively, said deferred payments drawin 6% interest per annum from date payable annually. Said notes are of even date herewith, executed by said Tennessee State Board of Education or their authorized agents, and payable to T. H. Harrison and Joe M. Black, and a lien retained on the land hereinbefore described for the certain payment of said notes in full.

Witness our hands this the 5th day of December, 1913.

T. H. Harrison.

Mattie L. Harrison.

Joe M. Black.

Ella Black.

STATE OF TENNESSEE—RUTHERFORD COUNTY.

Personally appeared before me E. T. Rice a Notary Public in and for said County and State, the within named T. H. Harrison & Mattie L. Harrison the bargainers with whom I am personally acquainted, and who acknowledged that they executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained. And Mattie L. Harrison & Ella Black wives of the said T. H. Harrison & Joe Black having personally appeared before me, privately and apart from their husband, the said Mattie L. Harrison and Ella Black acknowledged the execution of said deed to have been done by them freely, voluntarily and understandingly, without compulsion or constraint from their husband, and for the purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand and official seal, (SEAL) at Murfreesboro Tennessee, this 5th day of January 1914.

E. T. Rice, Notary Public.

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NOTED JANUARY 2, at 10 A. M. 1914.

Registered Feb. 17, 1914.

J. W. Messick & wife

TO) DEED

W. S. Brown & wife

State of Tennessee, Rutherford County:- We, the undersigned J. W. Messick and wife, Daisy M. Messick, have this day bargained and sold, and do hereby transfer and convey unto W. S. Brown and wife, Dora Brown, their heirs, assigns and representatives forever, the following described tract or parcel of land located in the 24th District of Rutherford County:-

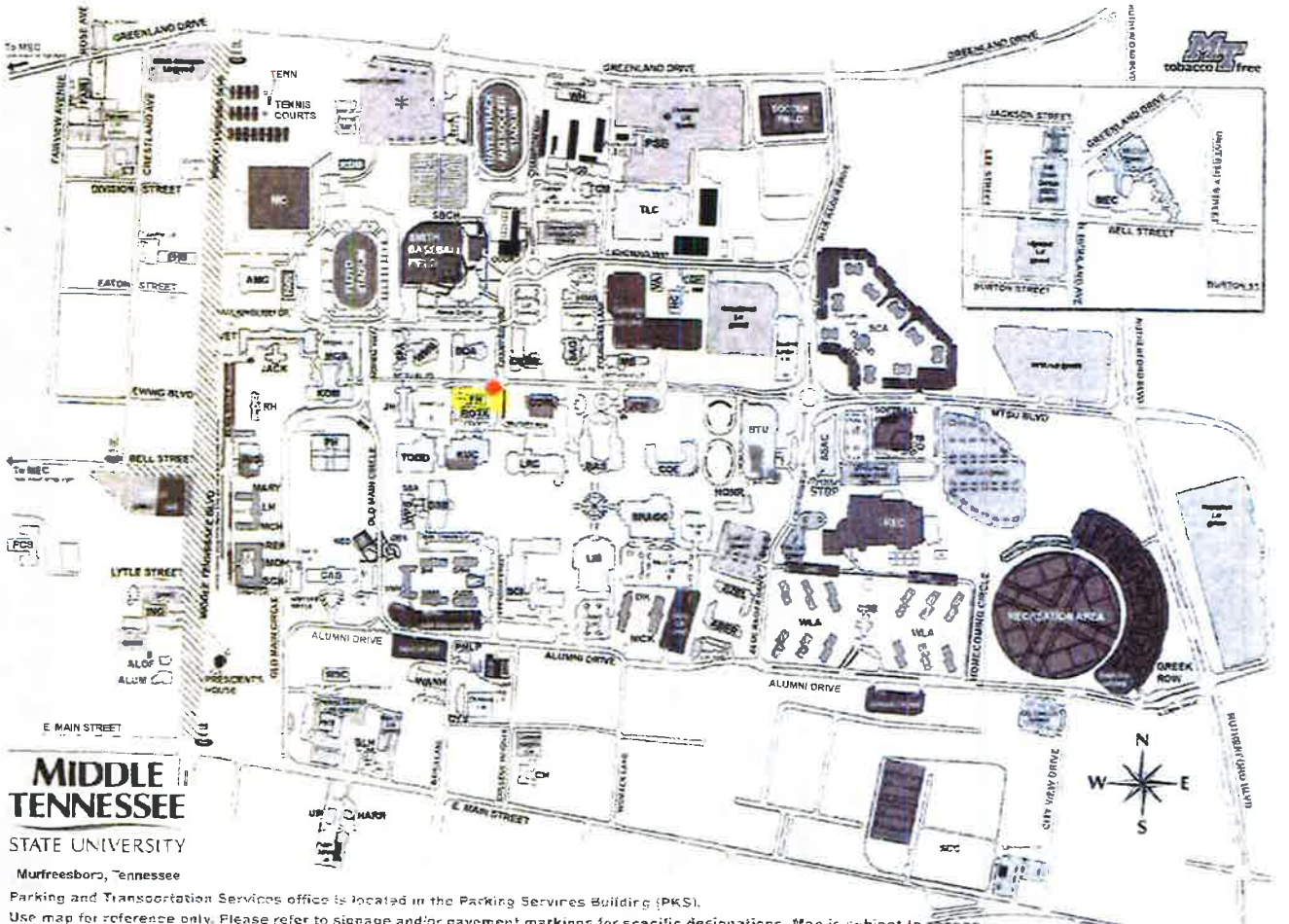
Bounded on the North by Big Spring Creek; onthe East by J. W. Messick known as the old Parker place; on the South by John Harrell and Will Winford; on the West by N. H. Mankin and E. S. Cannon, containing 376 acres, more or less, comprising two tracts as follows:- A tract purchased by the undersigned from M. Parker and wife Lou A. Parker by deed recorded in Book 54, page 131; the second tract purchased by the undersigned from Ashley Mankin and wife by deed recorded in Book ----, page--, Register's Office, Rutherford County, Tennessee. Reference is here made to both of said deeds for more particular description to said land.

To have and to hold to the said W. S. Brown and wife, Dora Brown, their heirs and assigns forever. We covenant that we are lawfully seized and possessed of said land, that we have

MTSU Campus Map

(addresses shown are for location only, NOT mailing)

ABER	Abernathy Hall, 1719 Alumni Drive
ALOF	Alumni Office 2253 Middle Tennessee Boulevard,
ALUM	Alumni House 2259 Middle Tennessee Boulevard,
AMG	Alumni Memorial Gym 2610 Middle Tennessee Boulevard,
BAS	Business and Aerospace Building, 1642 MTSU Boulevard,
BDA	Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, 615 Champion Way,
BH	Beasley Hall, 323 Friendship Street
BLH	TCWNHA (Black House), 1417 East Main Street,
BRAGG	John Bragg Media and Entertainment Building, 1735 Blue Raider Drive
CAB	Cope Administration Building 315 Visitor's Circle
CH	College Heights Building, 1607 East Main Street,
CKNB	Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building, 610 Champion Way,
COE	College of Education Building, 1756 MTSU Boulevard,
COGN	Central Utility Plant/Cogeneration Plant 729 Champion Way,
CORL	Corlew Hall 1634 MTSU Boulevard,
CSB	Central Services Building (Day Care Center), 1835 Alumni Drive
DH	Deere Hall 1619 Alumni Drive,
DSB	Davis Science Building 422 Old Main Circle
DYS	Tennessee Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia 200 North Baird Lane,
EHS	Ellington Human Sciences Building, 2623 Middle Tennessee Boulevard
EZEL	Ezell Hall, 1727 Blue Raider Drive,
FAIR	Fairview Building, 820 Fairview Avenue
FH	Forest Hall, 543 Champion Way,
GH	Greenhouse, 1724 Lightning Way,
GRH	Gracy Hall, 321 Friendship Street
HARR	Center for Historic Preservation (Harrison House), 1416 East Main Street,
HC	Horticulture Facility, 1714 Lightning Way
HMA	Housing Maintenance Annex 657 Founders Lane
HOB	Holmes Building (Maintenance Complex), 836 Champion Way,
HONR	Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building 1737 Blue Raider Drive,
ING	Sam H. Ingram Building, 2269 Middle Tennessee Boulevard,
JACK	Tom H. Jackson Building, 628 Alma Mater Drive,
JCH	Jim Cummings Hall, 1744 MTSU Boulevard
JH	Jones Hall, 524 Old Main Circle,
JUB	James Union Building, 516 Alma Mater Drive,
JUDD	Judd Hall 217 Friendship Street
KOM	Kirksey Old Main, 612 Old Main Circle,
KSHF	Emmett and Rose Kennon Sports Hall of Fame, 1320 Greenland Drive,
KUC	Keathley University Center, 1524 Military Memorial,
LH	Lyon Hall, 414 Alma Mater Drive
LIB	James E. Walker Library, 1611 Alumni Drive
LRC	Ned McWherter Learning Resources Center 1558 Military Memorial,
MARY	Miss Mary Hall, 414 Alma Mater Drive,
ME	McFarland Building, 654 Founders Lane
MC	Murphy Center, 2630 Middle Tennessee Boulevard,
MCH	McHenry Hall, 414 Alma Mater Drive,
MEC	Andrew Woodfin Miller, Sr. Education Center, 503-509 Bell Street (See inset at top right)
MGB	Midgett Building 612 Old Main Circle
MOH	Monohan Hall, 312 Alma Mater Drive,
NEO	Naked Eye Observatory 346 Old Main Circle
NICK	Nicks Hall, 1715 Alumni Drive,
OBS	Observatory, 346 Old Main Circle,
PCS	Homer Pittard Campus School, 923 East Lytle Street
PH	Peck Hall, 537 Old Main Circle
PHLP	Project Help, 206 North Baird Lane
PKS	Parking Services Building 1403 East Main Street,
POOL	Natatorium, 1319 Faulkinberry Drive,
PSB	Printing Services Building, 1756 Greenland Drive,
REC	Health, Wellness, and Recreation Center (Health Services located inside the HWRC), 1848 Blue Raider Drive
REH	Reynolds Hall, 312 Alma Mater Drive,



Parking and Transportation Services office is located in the Parking Services Building (PKS).

Use map for reference only. Please refer to signage and/or pavement markings for specific designations. Map is subject to change.

Color code for parking designation

- Faculty, Staff, Administration (white permit)
- Green Permit Parking
- Disabled Parking (blue permit)
- Red Permit Parking (MTSU Housing residents only)
- Metered parking
- Motorcycle parking area
- Residents may also park in these green spaces 24 hours a day
- Skywalk bridges
- Road Construction Zone Seek Alternate Route

Color code for buildings/sports areas

- Residence Halls
- Academic/Administrative
- Dining
- Athletics/Recreation
- Greek Housing
- Located in SSAC

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RH	Rutledge Hall 526 Alma Mater Drive
ROTX	ROTC Annex 531 Champion Way,
SAG	Stark Agribusiness and Agriscience Center, 651 Founders Lane
SBCH	Stephen B. Smith Baseball Clubhouse, 641 Champion Way,
SCA	Scarlett Commons Apartments 1-9, 1858 MTSU Boulevard,
SCC	Sports Club Complex, 2111 East Main Street,
SCH	Schardt Hall, 312 Alma Mater Drive,
SCI	Science Building 440 Friendship Street
SCP	Satellite Chiller Plant, 215 College Heights,
SFA	Saunders Fine Arts Building, 629 Normal Way,
SIMS	Sims Hall 215 Friendship Street,
SL	Strobel Lobby,
SMH	Smith Hall 318 Old Main Circle,
SSAC	Student Services and Admissions Center 1660 Blue Raider Drive
STU	Student Union Building 1768 MTSU Boulevard
TB	Telescope Building, 1652 MTSU Boulevard,
TENN	Buck Bouldin Tennis Center 1210 Greenland Drive
TCM	Telecommunications Building 732 Champion Way
TLC	Tennessee Livestock Center, 1720 Greenland Drive
TODD	Andrew L. Todd Hall 542 Old Main Circle,
UP	University Police, 1412 East Main Street
VA	Vocational Agriculture 1704 Lightning Way,
VET	Voorhies Engineering Technology, 1212 Faulkinberry Drive,
WANH	Internal Audit (Wansley House), 209 North Baird Lane
WC	Woodmore Cybercafe, 319 Friendship Street,
WH	Warehouse (Maintenance Complex) 1672 Greenland Drive,
WLA	Womack Lane Apartments A-L 1815 Alumni Drive
WME	Wright Music Building 1439 Faulkinberry Drive,
WPS	Wiser-Patten Science Hall 422 Old Main Circle
WSC	Wood-Stegall Center (Development and University Advancement) 120 Old Main Circle,

TBR, MTSU

Petition for Waiver

TBR and MTSU are Public Entities

Exercising Control of Forrest Hall

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*** Current through the 2016 Session ***

Title 49 Education
Chapter 8 State University and Community College System
Part 1 General Provisions

Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-8-101 (2016)

49-8-101. System established.

(a) (1) There is established a state university and community college system, to be called the board of regents. The state university and community college system is composed of state universities, community colleges, and state colleges of applied technology.

(2) (A) The board of regents state universities shall be composed of Austin Peay State University, East Tennessee State University, Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee State University, Tennessee Technological University, and the University of Memphis. The board of regents state universities shall be subject to the authority of a local governing board of trustees, referred to in this chapter as a state university board.

(B) The management and governance of each state university shall be vested in the institution's respective state university board, subject to certain powers and duties maintained by the Tennessee higher education commission.

(C) During a transition period commencing July 1, 2016, and ending November 30, 2017, the board of regents shall maintain performance of the following functions on behalf of the state university boards: data systems, capital project planning and management, and procurement. By November 30, 2017, the Tennessee higher education commission shall solicit and receive requests from the state university boards to assume the performance of these functions. The Tennessee higher education commission shall approve or deny a state university board's request to assume these functions. A state university board shall not be permitted to assume the performance of these functions until November 30, 2017. If the board of regents continues to perform the functions related to data systems, capital project planning and management, and procurement after the transition period has concluded, a state university board is not precluded from requesting to assume the performance of these functions at any time after November 30, 2017.

(3) (A) The state community colleges shall be composed of Chattanooga State Community College, Cleveland State Community College, Columbia State Community College, Dyersburg State Community College, Jackson State Community College, Motlow State Community College, Nashville State Community College, Northeast State Community College, Pellissippi State Community College, Roane State Community College, Southwest Tennessee Community College, Volunteer State Community College, and Walters State Community College, and other community colleges that may be established. The statewide system of state colleges of applied technology,

established under chapter 11, part 4, of this title, shall be composed of the state colleges of applied technology now established and located at Athens, Covington, Crossville, Crump, Dickson, Elizabethton, Harriman, Hartsville, Hohenwald, Jacksboro, Jackson, Knoxville, Livingston, McKenzie, McMinnville, Memphis, Morristown, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Newbern, Oneida, Paris, Pulaski, Ripley, Shelbyville, and Whiteville, and other state colleges of applied technology that may be established.

(B) Subject to certain powers and duties reserved for and relegated to the Tennessee higher education commission, the government, management, and control of the state community colleges and the state colleges of applied technology shall be vested in the board of regents.

(b) The board of regents shall work collaboratively with state university boards to ensure alignment between community colleges and state universities, especially in regards to innovation and student success initiatives.

(c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the board of regents, in consultation with the Tennessee higher education commission, shall establish a comprehensive statewide community college system of coordinated programs and services to be known as the Tennessee community college system.

(1) It is the legislative intent that the Tennessee community college system operate as a unified system with individual campuses, teaching centers and teaching sites as necessary to maximize the effectiveness of the system in enhancing student success and increasing the number of college degrees held by Tennesseans.

(2) In order to carry out this subsection (c), the board shall develop a plan to transition from the existing system of thirteen (13) independently managed institutions to a comprehensive statewide community college system managed as a unified system. Such plan shall identify any statutory changes needed to accomplish the transition.

(3) As part of its plan, the board shall identify and implement consolidation of services among institutions and standardization of processes between institutions in order to improve efficiency and effectiveness in all functional areas, including, but not limited to, student services, academic support and institutional support.

(4) The plan shall also incorporate the use of block scheduling and cohort programming as a means of delivering educational programs within the Tennessee community college system. Programs developed pursuant to this subdivision (c)(4) shall be developed in a manner that results in the opportunity for more rapid and significantly higher rates of program completion through structured degree programs that incorporate fixed course offerings that meet the requirements for the degree being offered on a predetermined schedule.

(5) In carrying out this subsection (c), the Tennessee community college system shall pursue strategies to create mutually beneficial relationships with colleges of applied technology such that certificate programs may be offered at community college sites and community college courses may be offered at colleges of applied technology.

(6) This this subsection (c) shall be fully implemented no later than July 1, 2012.

(d) All institutions in the state university and community college system shall submit annually institutional mission statements to the Tennessee higher education commission for review and approval. An institutional mission statement shall:

(1) Characterize distinctiveness in degree offerings by level, focus, and student characteristics, including, but not limited to, nontraditional students and part-time students; and

(2) Address institutional accountability for the quality of instruction, student learning, and, when applicable, research and public service to benefit Tennessee citizens.

(e) Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit any institution from pursuing research and related activities that are consistent with the institution's mission.

HISTORY: Acts 1972, ch. 838, § 1; 1973, ch. 80, §§ 2, 4; 1973, ch. 200, § 1; 1983, ch. 181, § 3; T.C.A., § 49-3236; Acts 1994, ch. 538, § 2; 1994, ch. 685, § 3; 1999, ch. 510, § 1; 2002, ch. 618, § 1; 2009, ch. 352, § 1; 2010 (1st Ex. Sess.), ch. 3, § 8; 2013, ch. 473, § 7; 2016, ch. 869, §§ 1, 2.

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Title 49 Education
Chapter 8 State University and Community College System
Part 2 Board of Regents

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49-8-203. Powers and duties.

(a) (1) With respect to the institutions they govern, each state university board and the board of regents has the power to:

(A) Select and employ the chief executive officers of the institutions and to confirm the appointment of administrative personnel, teachers, and other employees of each state institution and to fix their salaries and terms of office;

(B) Prescribe curricula and requirements for diplomas and degrees. The board of regents and the state university boards shall maintain alignment across state higher education by working to develop curricula requirements that promote student success, postsecondary completion, and advancement of the Tennessee higher education commission state master plan;

(C) Approve the operating budgets and set the fiscal policies for the schools and programs under its control. Each state university board shall have the power to approve the operating budget and set the fiscal policy for the university under its control. In order to ensure the ability to satisfy both contractual obligations to the Tennessee state school bond authority and obligations to that authority's bondholders, the board of regents shall have authority over, and shall give final approval to, the operating budget of each state university. The funds appropriated for each state university shall initially be distributed by the department of finance and administration to the board of regents, which shall then distribute such funds to each state university in such amounts as were appropriated minus any deduction or deductions required to be made by the board of regents pursuant to any financing agreement, or other similar agreement, then existing by and between the board of regents and the Tennessee state school bond authority or any successor organization. Notwithstanding any provision of law, the board of regents shall retain all powers and duties with respect to each state university, state community college, and Tennessee college of applied technology, including, but not limited to, any projects at such institutions which are necessary for the board of regents to fulfill its covenants, representations, agreements, and obligations under any financing agreement, then existing by and between the board of regents and the Tennessee state school bond authority, or any successor organization, on July 1, 2016, as the same may be amended pursuant to the terms thereof, or any successor or similar agreement subsequently entered into by and between the board of regents and the Tennessee state school bond authority;

(D) Establish policies and regulations regarding the campus life of the institutions, including,

but not limited to, the conduct of students, student housing, parking, and safety; and

(E) Assume general responsibility for the operation of the institutions, delegating to the chief executive officer of each respective institution such powers and duties as are necessary and appropriate for the efficient administration of the institution and its programs.

(2) The board of regents has the power to receive donations of money, securities, and property from any source on behalf of the community colleges and the Tennessee colleges of applied technology, which gifts shall be used in accordance with the conditions set by the donor. Each state university board has the power to receive donations of money, securities, and property from any source on behalf of the institution it governs, which gifts shall be used in accordance with the conditions set by the donor.

(3) The board of regents and each state university board has the power to purchase land subject to the terms and conditions of state regulations, to condemn land, to erect buildings, and to equip them for the institution subject to the requirements of the state building commission and to the terms and conditions of legislative appropriations. Each board shall be vested with title to property so purchased or acquired.

(4) The board of regents and each state university board has other powers, not otherwise prescribed by law, that are necessary to carry out this part, and it is the expressed legislative intent and purpose to vest similar and comparable responsibility and authority in each board as is authorized for the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee; provided, that in exercising any power to borrow money for any purpose, whether by the issuance of bonds or notes or by any other method, each board shall first secure the approval of the state school bond authority.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, the board of regents, a state university board, or any institution subject to this chapter is not authorized to borrow money for any purpose, whether by the issuance of bonds or notes or by any other method, without first securing the approval of the state school bond authority.

(c) State university boards shall manage and initiate capital and real estate transactions; provided, that such transactions are within the scope of a master plan approved by the Tennessee higher education commission.

(d) The title of the property held on behalf of the state universities named in § 49-8-101(a)(2)(A) by the board of regents shall be transferred to the respective state university board upon assumption of responsibility no later than June 30, 2017.

(e) A state university board shall ensure the board's institution remains in compliance with the transfer and articulation provisions of § 49-7-202.

(f) The board of regents, the state university boards, and the institutions subject to this chapter shall not enter into any final agreement or other final arrangement for a merger or consolidation with a private institution of higher education without the authorization of the general assembly, acting through legislation, resolution, or appropriations.

(g) It is unlawful for any member of a state university board or the board of regents to be financially interested in any contract or transaction affecting the interests of any institution governed by the board, or to procure, or be a party in any way to procuring, the appointment of any relative to any position of financial trust or profit connected with the universities and colleges governed. A violation of this subsection (g) shall subject the member so offending to removal by the governor or the board.

(h) Except for the purposes of inquiry or information, a member of the state university board shall not give direction to or interfere with any employee, officer, or agent under the direct or indirect

supervision of the chief executive officer of the respective institution.

(i) Each institution subject to this chapter shall provide data to the Tennessee higher education commission for information, assessment, and accountability purposes, to be used in a statewide data system that facilitates the public policy agenda developed by the commission. The commission shall determine the data elements necessary to carry out this task.

(j) Notwithstanding any provision of this part or any law to the contrary, the state university boards and their respective institutions shall continue to be participating employers in the Tennessee consolidated retirement system and utilize such claims administration services, risk management programs, investment funds and trusts, and retirement and deferred compensation programs, or any successor programs and services in the same fields, as are provided or administered by the department of treasury to any of the state universities on the effective date of the act until the effective date of any subsequent legislation authorizing procurement from another provider.

(k) Institutions shall ensure that any data system employed for student information is interoperable with the statewide student information system used by the board of regents and the higher education commission.

(*l*) Each institution subject to this chapter shall make a report annually to the higher education commission on any academic program terminations which shall be submitted by the higher education commission to the education committee of the senate and the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives.

(m) Upon formal request by the higher education commission, the board of regents and each state university board authorized under this chapter shall assist the commission in convening representatives of the institutions and governing boards, as authorized by § 49-7-202(p), to help ensure a cohesive and coordinated system of higher education public policy in Tennessee.

HISTORY: Acts 1972, ch. 838, §§ 4, 6-8, 11; 1979, ch. 116, §§ 1, 2; 1979, ch. 182, § 1; 1983, ch. 181, § 4; T.C.A., §§ 49-3239, 49-3241 -- 49-3244; Acts 2016, ch. 869, § 21.

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Petition for Waiver

Statement of the Request and Basis Upon Which the Waiver is Sought; Report Establishing a Material or Substantial Need Based on Compelling Public Interest

Before the Tennessee Historical Commission

PETITION FOR WAIVER

Statement of Request
and
Basis Upon Which Waiver is Sought

This Petition for Waiver is submitted pursuant to the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act of 2016. In accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated §4-1-412(c), the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) and Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) seek to remove the name of the structure on the campus of MTSU currently designated as Forrest Hall and to rename it the Army ROTC Building.

The structure was built in 1954 to house MTSU's Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program. It was dedicated in 1958 when the name Forrest Hall became official. The building was named after Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest, a Confederate officer known for his military tactical genius and his ties to the middle Tennessee region. Forrest is also associated with the formation of the Ku Klux Klan.

Debate over the building's name occurred periodically during periods of national discussion about Confederate visual images and symbols on public property. In the summer of 2015, Dr. Sidney A. McPhee, President of MTSU, determined that this issue must be deliberated and appropriate actions taken. In October 2015, Dr. McPhee appointed the 17-member Forrest Hall Task Force (Task Force) to engage the community in discussion concerning the name of this building. The Task Force included MTSU faculty, alumni and students, and citizens from the surrounding community. (Attachment 1) The Task Force was charged with recommending whether the building should be renamed; the name retained but with added historical perspective; or, that no action or change be taken. Dr. McPhee asked that the University's priority of recruiting, retaining and graduating students, and preparing these graduates for service, scholarship and leadership in this state and around the world guide their work and inform their recommendation.

The Task Force held an organizational meeting on November 12, 2016. Public forums were held on December 1, 2015; February 24, 2016; and, March 24, 2016, in order to obtain as many perspectives as possible. Public input was received at these three meetings and at the March meeting the Task Force considered written position statements submitted by campus and community organizations. (Attachment 2) The Task Force held open deliberations on April 14 and April 19, 2016.

By letter dated April 19, 2016, the Task Force recommended that the name of Forrest Hall be changed (Attachment 3). On April 28, 2016, Dr. McPhee accepted this recommendation with the addition that a historical timeline, with primary source set, be developed and housed in the Albert Gore Research Center on the MTSU campus. (Attachment 4) At its quarterly meeting,

the TBR, on June 24, 2016, approved the MTSU proposal to change the name from Forrest Hall to the Army ROTC Building. (Attachment 5)

In explaining the basis for his decision, Dr. McPhee stated in his April 28, 2016 letter:

> It is clear that there are many wide-ranging and contradicting views about the life and legacy of Confederate Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest. I do not feel it is my role to discern the appropriateness or relevance of his actions prior, during or after the Civil War. It was appropriate, however, for me to assess whether the decision made in the middle of the 20th Century to name the building for General Forrest remains in our best interest in the second decade of the 21st Century.
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> And, in my view, the values and goals we share in 2016 as a comprehensive university with International reach are not best reflected by retaining a name affixed in 1958 when we were a small local college that rarely extended beyond our region. ...
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> We now live in a time and circumstance that our predecessors perhaps could have never imagined. When Forrest Hall was dedicated in 1958, we were still Middle Tennessee State College and boasted an enrollment of just 2,539 students. We were decades away from the far-reaching and inclusive opportunities that would become our hallmark. And, as was common of that time, images and references of General Forrest were used routinely throughout the University and its activities.

Dr. McPhee cited TBR Policy 4:02:05:01 Naming Buildings and Facilities and Building Plaques which specifies that, when considering the naming of a structure, special consideration be given to the association of the individual to the institution. (Attachment 6) Unlike other buildings on the MTSU campus named for individuals, Lt. Gen. Forrest has no particular connection to MTSU, nor has he made a significant contribution to the field of education, government, science or human betterment. (Attachment 7)

Dr. McPhee also acknowledged that beyond affixing Lt. Gen. Forrest's last name to the building and a small plaque outside the hall that states, "Forrest Hall 1954," no other efforts to educate the community about Lt. Gen. Forrest's historical impact and military contributions exist. To rectify that void, Dr. Carroll Van West, the Tennessee state historian and a distinguished faculty member at MTSU, will prepare a timeline of the career of Lt. Gen. Forrest to include the following chronological periods:

Birth, early life, and marriage
Business career in Mississippi and Memphis
Civic career in Memphis
Service in the Civil War: promotions in rank and significant engagements
Farewell address in 1865
Post-war business and political career
Death and burial

Attached to the timeline will be primary sources associated with significant developments in Lt. Gen. Forrest's career. A permanent copy of the timeline will be archived in the Albert Gore Research Center on the MTSU campus.

This Petition for Waiver respectfully requests the Commission to honor the decision of the TBR and MTSU, and allow for the renaming of Forrest Hall to become the Army ROTC Building. We do not seek in doing so to rewrite history, but rather, to place it within its proper context. Renaming this building will best align the University's priority of recruiting, retaining and graduating students, and preparing these graduates for service, scholarship and leadership in this state and around the world, and at the same time will better reflect the purpose of the structure itself – to house and support one of the nation's top programs for the training and preparation of future officers of the United States Army. Further, providing the historical context of the life of Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest will continue our institution's tradition of educating the campus and the community to better understand this period of history.

We believe this Petition for Waiver establishes a compelling public need to rename the building, thus providing clear and convincing evidence of a material or substantial need for the granting of a wavier.

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Attachment 1

Forrest Hall Task Force Members

Members of the Forrest Hall Task Force

- Tony Beard, an alumni representative and president of the MTSU Alumni Association
- Leonard Brown, a student representative and a political science junior; *resigned on March 25
- Tom Clark, a community representative
- Mark Doyle, a faculty representative and an associate professor of History
- Tricia Farwell, president of the MTSU Faculty Senate and faculty regent at the Tennessee Board of Regents
- Derek Frisby, chairman of the task force and faculty member in Global Studies and Cultural Geography
- State Sen. Bill Ketron
- Mike Liles, a community representative
- Grant Marshall, a student representative and a freshman majoring in Organizational Communication
- The Rev. James McCarroll, a community representative
- Erynn Murray, a student representative and vice president of the MTSU Graduate Student Association
- Brig. Gen. David Ogg Jr., U.S. Army (retired), a community representative
- David Otts, a faculty representative and professor in the University College
- Lindsay Pierce, a student representative and president of the MTSU Student Government Association
- Barbara Turnage, a faculty representative and professor of Social Work
- Carroll Van West, resource consultant (non-voting), MTSU professor and State Historian
- Brian Walsh, an alumni representative

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Attachment 2

Position Statements

Talented Tenth Activist Student Coalition

Change the Name

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Derek Frisby,

On behalf of the MTSU Talented Tenth Student Activist Coalition, we feel that is highly inappropriate to glorify a man that has been infamously known for his general tactics in the Civil War. We stand in our decision and we demand that the name of the military building be changed. The naming of the military building came about in retaliation to the Brown vs. Board of education case. The name change happened in 1958, 55 years ago. It's time that the university renames the building to someone from a newer era that also embraces diversity. Nathan Bedford Forrest was nothing more of a serial killer murdering anyone that wasn't Anglo-Saxon- particularly blacks. He would not have supported the idea of integrating this university and it's disgusting the university and the community has kept him on the building for all these years.

General Nathan Bedford Forrest was not only the first Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, but he also leaded one the most bloodiest battles of the civil war at Fort Pillow, Henning, Tennessee. [i]On April 24, 1864, both union and confederate soldiers recalled it as being a "massacre" of the union soldiers. However, it wasn't the battle that was gruesome, [ii]it was the aftermath. Forrest ordered his men to show no mercy. A soldier recalled in a letter saying, [iii]"Negroes would run up to our men, fall upon their knees and with uplifted hands scream for mercy but they were ordered to their feet and

then shot down...Forrest ordered them shot down like dogs." In addition to that, union soldiers were crucified being nailed to their tents and set on fire. After Forrest was under questioning for his actions, one of his defenses were, his men were out of control and he had no control of that- but they celebrated the "victory" first. In all, 64% of blacks and 33% whites were massacred that day.

This battle is just one of the few of the horrendous things that he has done, especially to the minority community. Living in this day and era, how is it possible to have someone with such negative connotations on our campus? According to our university, [iv]True Blue is embodying the core values of engagement in the community, committing to reason and not violence, honesty and integrity and RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY. Having Nathan Bedford Forrest on our diverse campus, doesn't represent the [v]29.7% of the minority students here. If the university and community thought of Forrest so highly, then why can't the building be shown on tour guides?

[vi]Three presidents have came from Tennessee: Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson, and James Polk. There are approximately 36 monuments/ recognitions in Tennessee of Nathan Bedford Forrest and that is far more than anyone in the US. We have to stop living in the past and focus on the now and the future. If preserving history is the issue then put his history and "legacy" in a book like everyone else. This man doesn't deserve

so much praise- especially when most of his reputation was made blood, massacres, and war. If MTSU is so diverse and respectful of their students, prove it.

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[i] *James* Loewen, *Lies Told Across America.* (pg.250)
[ii] Pg.250
[iii] Pg.251
[iv] MTSU True Blue Pledge
[v] MTSU Fall 2015 Census Report (www.mtsu.edu/iepr/.php)
[vi] The Tennessee State Museum (www.tn4me.org)

To: Dr. Derek Frisby, Chairman of Task Force on Forrest Hall

From: Michael Beck, Commander, Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

Subject: Position Paper of the Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

The following document is the position paper for the Tennessee Division, SCV, concerning the renaming of Forrest Hall. I have authorized Dr. Michael Bradley to write this paper with assistance from Dr. Steve Murphree.

Dr. Michael Bradley and Dr. Steve Murphree will be present on March 24 as spokespersons for the Tennessee Division, SCV.

POSITION PAPER ON FORREST HALL

SUBMITTED BY

TENNESSEE DIVISION, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

History, whether pursued as an academic discipline by a student or followed as a topic of interest by an individual, depends on sources for evidence to support the claims made by historians. These sources must be subjected to examination to demonstrate their reliability and veracity. To allow readers to examine the reliability and veracity of their claims historians add footnotes/endnotes to their works. The process of examination, substantiation, and verification is crucial for reading, writing, and teaching history which reveals the truth about the past as opposed the proliferation of mere propaganda. Propaganda makes claims which cannot be verified or substantiated. The same is true of legend, folklore, and tradition for these too make claims not subject to verification, even though these claims may be widely believed and accepted.

Today a book written by a living author about the Civil War would properly be designated as a "secondary source." A secondary source is any source about an event, period, or issue in history that was produced after that event, period, or issue has passed. Secondary sources produced by those recognized as an expert in the area come with a certain built-in "credibility." But it is a serious mistake to believe that a secondary source is reliable merely because of the pedigree of its author. The author of a reliable secondary source must rely on, and must cite, primary sources.

A primary source is any original source that comments on, testifies, or bears witness to the time period of its own production. Primary sources are the raw material of history, they are what historians must rely on as they try to learn what happened in the past and what an event meant in the context of its times.

The main argument of the group currently seeking to change the name of Forrest Hall is that Nathan Bedford Forrest was the head of the Ku Klux Klan. From 1865 to 2016 no historian has ever produced a single piece of evidence which can be subjected to the process of investigation, verification and documentation described above which proves that Forrest was ever the head of the Ku Klux Klan. Many such allegations have been made, and are still being made, but no reliable documentation, subject to verification, has ever been produced to establish the veracity of these claims. Secondary sources abound which accuse Forrest of Klan involvement but no primary source has ever been produced. Of course, all reputable historians reject out of hand the assertion that "Forrest founded the Klan." The names of the founders of the Klan are well known to historians and Forrest is not among them.

One often cited piece of evidence that Forrest was involved with the Klan is the Appendix to the book *The Artillery of Nathan Bedford Forrest,* written by John Morton in 1909. Morton commanded Forrest's artillery during the war. The Appendix to this book recounts a story in which Morton is said to have inducted Forrest into the Klan and then sent Forrest to a meeting at the Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville. At best this account can be considered anecdotal evidence concerning Forrest. The account is not from the pen of John Morton but was written by the Reverend Thomas Dixon of Boston, Massachusetts. Dixon was a novelist whose most famous work is *The Clansman,* a book which became the basis for the movie, "The Birth of a Nation." In short, the account was produced by an admirer of the Klan who was dealing second-hand with an event more than forty years old. The Morton material does not qualify as a primary source. [1]

Andrew Nelson Lytle, in his *Bedford Forrest and His Critter Company,* is among the first writers to popularize the legend of Forrest as head of the Klan. Lytle tells the story of a meeting which was said to have taken place at the Maxwell House Hotel at which Forrest was chosen as Grand Wizard, but Lytle provides no documentation as to who was present, who selected Forrest, and does not even provide a date at which this was supposed to have happened. Lytle also recounts a story that the leadership of the Klan was first offered to Robert E. Lee, a story equally unsupported by a shred of historical evidence and one not believed by any reputable historian. [2]

Stanley F. Horn, in his *Invisible Empire: The Story of the Ku Klux Klan, 1866-1871,* follows the same interpretation used by Lytle. But Horn consistently uses such phrases as "There is a story to the effect", "It has always been understood", and "The story has always been told", which means Horn is recounting anecdotes, not citing primary sources. The discrediting of Horn's claim concerning Forrest is made complete when Horn himself says that while he believes Forrest was the head of the Klan "there is no documentary evidence" to support his claim. [3]

Allen W. Trelease deals with the Klan in a much more scholarly fashion than either Lytle or Horn. In his *White Terror:The Ku Klux Klan Conspiracy and Southern Reconstruction.* Trelease writes "There has never been any serious doubt that the first and only Grand Wizard was General Nathan Bedford Forrest." Trelease cites Horn as one of his sources, thus damaging his argument, and the author then wrecks his argument by admitting "A good deal has been written about the Klan's further organization at the top levels, but most of it lacks substantiation and much of it is clearly fictitious." [4]

The two most recent scholarly biographies of Nathan Bedford Forrest are *A Battle From the Start* by Brian Steel Wills and *Nathan Bedford Forrest: A Biography* by Jack Hurst. Both these works claim that Forrest was the leader of

the Klan but neither offers more than circumstantial evidence,and they offer nothing which meets the standard professional criteria of documentation and investigation.

Wills, after labeling Forrest as the Grand Wizard, then admits "There is some question as to whether he was actually the Grand Wizard" and points out that the family of George W. Gordon claims their ancestor was the head of the organization. Wills also uses as evidence of involvement with the Klan "evasive answers" Forrest gave to a Congressional Investigating Committee in 1872.

[5]. Wills fails to report that the conclusion reached by the committee. This investigation will be dealt with later in this paper.

Hurst also connects Forrest to the leadership of the Klan but cites Andrew Lytle as his major source. [6] Lytle, as we have seen, provides no viable proof on which Hurst can rest his case.

Despite his assertion that Forrest was head of the Klan, Hurst concludes his evaluation of Forrest's racial attitudes by saying "over the length of his lifetime Nathan Bedford Forrest's racial attitudes probably developed more, and more in the direction of liberal enlightenment, than those of most other Americans in the nation's history." [7]

While older scholarship alleges, but cannot prove, that Forrest was involved with the Klan

the most recent scholarship supports the position that Forrest cannot reliably be linked to the leadership of the Klan. Elaine Frantz Parsons, in her *Ku-Klux: The Birth of the Klan During Reconstruction,* severely criticizes Trelease and others for their unsubstantiated claims concerning Forrest and she concludes "There is also no compelling contemporary evidence to establish that Forrest ever exercised any leadership function . . . " [8] Parsons received her Ph.D. from The

Johns Hopkins University and is a professor at Duquesne University where she not only teaches courses in U.S. History but also serves as Director of the Women's and Gender Studies Center.

There is one primary source of evidence dealing with Forrest and the Klan. It is the hearings conducted by a joint committee of the United States Congress in 1871. A federal law had just been passed making any association with the Klan a serious offense and vigorous efforts were being made to suppress the Klan. Forrest was called to testify before this committee on June 27, 1871. Although some historians have characterized his responses to the committee as "evasive" and, although it is obvious that Forrest knew many things about the Klan, the conclusion of the body was that Forrest could not be connected to the Klan. [9]

Despite all the claims that Forrest was the head of the KuKlux Klan no historian, from the end of the Civil War to

the present day, has produced evidence which can withstand the scrutiny normally applied by academic historians. One may hold suspicions about Forrest, one may point to anecdotal or circumstantial evidence concerning him, but history requires verifiable proof, documentary evidence. Where is the evidence that Forrest was head of the Klan? It does not exist. No historian has produced such evidence, a Congressional Investigating Committee cleared Forrest of involvement, contemporary scholarship exonerates Forrest; only myth, legend, and folklore persist in making what is clearly an unsubstantiated claim.

Throughout time, in the absence of facts, people have tried to explain the past by utilizing legends. The ancient Egyptians, the Greeks and Romans, the Native Americans all did this; we of the 21st Century do the same. Middle Tennessee State University has a moral obligation to uphold the highest standards of the academic disciplines which make up its seven Colleges. To change the name of Forrest Hall in response to legends, folklore, and myth would violate that moral obligation. The University must follow the demonstrated, proven evidence regarding Forrest. If the University decides to add signage to further interpret and explain the name of Forrest Hall let the University make sure that it adheres to the facts. Anything less would be a betrayal of its reason for existence.

ENDNOTES

1. John Morton, *The Artillery of Nathan Bedford Forrest,* pp 344-45.
2. Andrew Nelson Lytle, *Bedford Forrest and His Critter Company,* p. 383.
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4. Allen W. Trelease, *White Terror: The Ku Klux Klan Conspiracy and Southern*

Reconstruction, p. 20. See also footnote 28, p. 433.

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Dear Committee,

Since 1998, MT Solidarity has remained a highly active student activist group on MTSU's campus. We have been active in numerous causes across the last 18 years and have attracted support from students, faculty, and community members. One of these causes has consistently been the controversy surrounding the name of the ROTC building, Nathan Bedford Forrest Hall.

Members of MT Solidarity have been proponents of changing the name of Forrest Hall since there was an MT Solidarity. Many of our members have been actively involved in the group Change the Name of Nathan Bedford Forrest Hall (the most vocal group advocating a name change over the past year). The two groups are intimately tied together.

MT Solidarity fully supports a name change of Forrest Hall.

No space will be wasted debating the character of the Confederate general, slave owner, and KKK member Nathan Bedford Forrest. We believe that particular discussion isn't particularly relevant to the current and past issues surrounding the naming of the ROTC building.

What is important is why the building was named as such. The reasons for the name are deeply rooted in MTSU's past embrace of white supremacy and opposition to desegregation. The building was affectionately referred to as Forrest Hall beginning in 1954, the year of Brown v Board. It was officially named in 1958 while desegregation of campus was held off until 1961. While not officially stated, it is clear that the naming of the building and the intense culture on campus of celebrating Forrest were used to intimidate an unwanted black student population.

Numerous protests against Confederate iconography and symbolism followed recorded as early as 1968 in the Gore Center on campus. Many Confederate symbols have been removed from campus with the notable exception of Forrest Hall.

The last protest against the name was only stopped by pressure from donor groups such as Daughters of the Confederacy, a group known to have white supremacist ties. The current round of protests has hit a similar wall with the main opposition to a name change coming from off campus.

MTSU has proven its unwillingness to legitimatize the concerns of black students on campus by delegating the issue of the name change to a committee with little authority stacked with many opposing the name change. The public meetings set up by this committee have been packed with far fewer students than community members, even the meeting that took place on campus. These public forums have set up a toxic atmosphere and put the students distressed by the reverence for a slave owner on their campus on the defensive from vicious racist attacks by many community members attending these forums. The last public forum subjected the black students attending and protesting to a barrage of racist insults and heavy police presence clearly designed to silence those opposing the committee process.

To pretend that a "rational debate" can be had between pro-Confederate groups and black students on campus is ridiculous at best. The entire committee process has legitimized highly racist positions under the guise of "preserving history" or "respecting a military hero." To have repeated public forums in which white community members deny the claim of feelings of racial oppression being made by black students is to uphold the systemic racism so very prevalent in MTSU's past.

The lack of engagement from those holding high office on campus demonstrate the how little black students and other students of color mean to the administration. Continuing to preserve Confederate symbolism on campus despite decades of student opposition invites the type of visceral responses seen at both public forums.

MT Solidarity urges the committee, President McPhee, and all other relevant parties to change the name of Nathan Bedford Forrest Hall, change it to Veterans' Hall, name it after a former student veteran, or simply call it the ROTC building. Whatever is chosen, the current name must go if MTSU wishes to ever seriously uphold its supposed commitment to providing a diverse and safe campus for its student population.

This is the organization's official position for

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

MTSU Collegiate Chapter

President- Destinee Boyd

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As student members of the MTSU Collegiate Chapter of NAACP, we are heavily affected by the presence of Nathan Bedford Forrest's legacy appearing on this diverse campus in this day and age. As noted, Nathan Bedford Forrest was the 1st grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan and fought to keep the minority segregated from white privilege: education, finances/economics, proper health care, etc. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), is dedicated to civil and economic justice and we feel that is highly inappropriate that a man with an infamous reputation is allowed to be recognized on this campus. Since we are a diverse campus, students of the minority should feel welcomed among all aspects of their educational institution. The fact that the military building was named after Forrest in retaliation of Brown vs. Board Education and the integration of school systems is representative of a past that is not relevant for 2016 where diversity should be revered and respected. It is inappropriate as well as insensitive to honor a person who practiced discrimination and that includes not only the military building at MTSU, but also the Nathan Bedford Forrest bust at the Tennessee State Capitol and any other public monument. We want to be a university that welcomes students, staff and faculty of all backgrounds and ethnicities.

Change Forrest Hall

To the Forrest Hall Task Force Committee:

The enclosed document is the official position of the Change Forrest Hall organization.

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Dear committee,

On the evening of June 17, 2015, a young white supremacist named Dylan Roof murdered 9 African Americans at the Emanuel African Methodist Church in Charleston, South Carolina. Roof who had been photographed with not only White supremacist emblems and symbols, but also the Confederate "battle flag," (a flag that was never adopted or formerly recognized by the confederacy, and didn't gain popularity until after the civil War in the early 20th century by segregationists and members of the Ku Klux Klan) helped stir a national debate and awakening of the link between confederate symbols and their use in modern day racism, when the South Carolina state house the following day flew the Confederate "battle flag" over their Confederate monument, due to a law that prohibited its removal without a two thirds vote from the state legislature.

These events became the synthesis that brought students, alumni, faculty, and community members to form a group focused on the removal of Nathan Bedford Forrest's name from their campus, and to finally help put MTSU's racist past behind it, instead of forcing its African American students to live through it every day. We at Change Forrest Hall demand the name be taken down for the following reasons:

1. The actual naming of the building had nothing to do with Forrest, himself, but was rather a strategic maneuver to defy the struggles of the Civil Rights Movement at the time and to help further the white supremacist agenda of keeping schools segregated. This is proven not only by the time period at which this building was named, but also the actions the school took. The Supreme Court passed Brown V. Board of Education in 1954 requiring the complete desegregation of schools in America. "Oddly" enough the Confederate "battle flag at the South Carolina state house began to fly outside its windows that very same year, along with many of the state governments in the South completely refusing to desegregate their schools. Here is where we tie MTSU and Forrest Hall into this clearly racist narrative, which follows the historical attempts at maintaining the segregation of schools. Forrest Hall was built in 1954, but was not officially named "Forrest Hall" until 1958. That being said, it was always known as Forrest Hall. At the same time, Confederate "battle flags," Nathan Bedford Forrest clubs, monuments, and even the mascot and sports teams were named and built to maintain the white pride and the racist heritage these people embraced. MTSU didn't desegregate until 1961, 7 years after Brown V. Board of education. But even then the racist tensions remained high at the university, with African American students having to endure not only the monuments and symbols of the first grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, but also the overt display of racism from their fellow white students with a cross being burned in the Dean's yard, a fraternity that had a lynching party outside of their frat house, and the constant display of confederate flags at football games. It has taken many years, and many struggles from students, faculty, alumni, and community members

to destroy the institutionalized racism MTSU built up in those years, and it is now the time and all of our responsibilities to finally put this racist past to rest, and to continue furthering diversity and brotherhood throughout MTSU's campus.
2. MTSU is a school that promotes diversity, a word that is promoted in its True Blue pledge. But if the Forrest Hall name remains, this completely undermines what the university has been promoting. It is utterly ridiculous and disrespectful that a campus whose African American population that has exceeded over 20% of the students enrolled at MTSU are being forced to pass a building that was named from a racial intolerance to their race. MTSU has vowed to these students to be a safe place that not only helps to further their careers and education, but to enrich their lives and instill values that will aid them for years to come. As long as this name remains, this promise, this "True Blue" pledge that the school advertises so effectively, is completely dismantled with the very existence of Forrest Hall.

You have heard from us many times over the past year, and this fight does not stop here. There is only one solution to fixing this problem, and that is removing the name of Forrest Hall from MTSU's campus. Any other action, or "middle ground" will only further elevate the racial tensions this school has maintained for so many years. There are very few things that are as black and white as this problem you are now facing, and let us tell you, you are either against racism, or you support it with the decision you make on the naming of this building. The middle holds no ground.

TO THE FORREST HALL COMMITTEE (MTSU):

I am just barely old enough to remember when the small black-and-white television screen was filled with the witch hunts of the Joe McCarthy era…a time when the word "communism" triggered public condemnation. Many reputations were unfairly slandered. Much of the tolerance and teamwork that made us Americans was sacrificed. Recovery was slow. Today the "trigger words" are "racism" and "slavery" and the victim is history…our shared history as one people.

A hundred years ago the Rutherford community worked, lobbied, schemed and invested to bring the MTSU predecessor to this site. In all likelihood this would not have happened as it did if not for Nathan Bedford Forrest. The initial property where MTSU sits today was donated for this purpose by a direct descendant of one scheduled to die on July 13, 1862. Know your own history...the name Joseph Black is on a marker at the University gate on East Main Street.

It is easily understood why the school in its early years would adopt as its symbol and mascot the heroic image of Forrest, whose courage, sacrifice and skill had saved and freed the ancestors of the community. In the early 1940's the State Teachers College at Murfreesboro, predecessor of MTSU, seriously considered renaming the school Forrest College. The popular name may have been adopted except for the departure of over half the student body for service in World War II.

For as long as any of us can remember, this community and the university have enjoyed and promoted a mutually supportive relationship. Local fans have cheered and suffered with the changing fortunes of our athletic programs. The business community has welcomed student commerce and provided jobs, internships and charitable funding. Major donors have subsidized both program and facility expansion. Government and non-profit entities currently offer research and internship opportunities. History students, for example, have unique opportunity for internships and research at antebellum sites like Oaklands and the Sam Davis Home.

Today it is obvious that this relationship has been damaged…not destroyed but clearly damaged by campus based conduct that has from the outset been misdirected, offensive, threatening and disrespectful. It appears to most of us that the student conduct has been allowed, if not encouraged, by some of the faculty and administration. An early demonstration was attended by the University President who seemed not at all concerned that his apparent endorsement and attendance turned out only 30 students (according to estimation by sympathetic media) on a campus of approximately 24,000. At the first public forum, the most profane and inflammatory rhetoric came from a faculty-affiliated individual.

The community certainly learned from these forums. We learned that those who are claiming to be offended by the historic name have no reluctance to offend others with their coarse and disrespectful language and conduct. We also learned that the term "diversity" for these few does not mean tolerance for a wide range of beliefs and backgrounds. As used by these immature and

undisciplined students, the term is heavy with racial animus and demands "only what we want." (An argument that has to be presented profanely and loudly is a weak argument.)

Never before in modern times has this community been burdened by racial controversy and conflict such as is now seen. During the difficult 1960's, when others struggled, this community quietly and peacefully desegregated. Thanks to the local leadership, black and white, it was accomplished through mutual respect and cooperation. When a busload of "freedom riders" stopped in front of a segregated restaurant on SE Broad, they were met as they unloaded by a black businessman and community leader, owner of Scales & Sons Funeral Home. He advised that there were no race problems in this town, and if there ever were, they would be resolved without outside help. In blunt terms he told the group to get back on the bus and head out of town. They boarded and left.

When all black Holloway High School was closed and the students enrolled at Central, a pretty good Holloway football team was merged with a pretty good Central team. That year they were state champions. There was no team "diversity," just colorblind teamwork.

"Racism" was explained to me by Dr. Martin Luther King during a personal conversation in 1966. I asked him about the "black power" advocates who were then disavowing his peaceful methods and calling him an "uncle Tom." He observed that anyone who wears a button or waves a banner saying "I am black!" or "I am white!" is telling us that they view and react to everything based upon color. "That's racism," he concluded. Dr. King urged us to treat all as brothers and equals regardless of color. What was said and displayed at the forum last month would have saddened Dr. King.

We are all in this together. The slave economy began with the African chiefs who were constantly warring and taking hostages from rival tribes. These "spoils of war" were sold to the European and Mediterranean brokers who transported and sold to New World buyers. (The news media tell us that even today on the African continent there are warring factions that take hostages and sell them into slavery.) The responsibility for slavery rests with both our black and white ancestors.

Forrest in the 1850's was a prosperous Mississippi plantation owner relying largely on slave labor. He was also part of a family-owned cotton brokerage in Memphis where he bought and sold cotton, cotton implements and cotton labor. One of many such businesses in that time and place. This activity was legal, supported by the judiciary, and accepted by the clergy. If Forrest is to be condemned and dishonored on this basis, how do we treat Washington, Jefferson, Adams, Madison, Jackson, Hardy Murfree, William Lytle and our African ancestors.?

So where do we go from here? The University President should take no further action that will put the matter in debate before the state historical commission. In due time, the University President should initiate dialogue with community leaders regarding the inevitable obsolescence of a campus structure.

Perhaps we could agree that the ROTC program is in need of a new facility. Perhaps the university and the community could work together and succeed in finding state and private funding for a new facility. Perhaps the current building could be "decommissioned" with appropriate ceremony and historic documentation. Perhaps new buildings are named for major private donors. Perhaps the project could be completed without disrespect to the memory and history of a local/regional hero and without confrontation. Perhaps…

GREG TUCKER, RUTHERFORD COUNTY HISTORIAN March 2016

In the wake of recent racially controversial events that include the tragedy in Charleston, South Carolina, the nationwide killing of numerous unarmed African Americans by police officers, and the racially charged incidents experienced by St. Louis, Yale and Cornell universities, we believe it is appropriate to remove symbolic vestiges of our troubled racial past from all MTSU buildings.

Despite a decorated military record, the entire legacy of Nathan Bedford Forrest remains inseparably coupled with white supremacy. A slave trading human trafficker before the Civil War, Forrest fought to preserve the legal right to perpetually hold African Americans in inhuman bondage, he authorized the massacre of over 200 surrendered black United States army soldiers, and after the war, his personal celebrity legitimized and nationally proliferated the most notorious domestic terrorist organization in American history. The Ku Klux Klan (KKK) was established for the sole purpose of violently intimidating the formerly enslaved black population into permanently occupying an unambiguously subservient social status.

In addition to being the original national leader of the KKK, a group created to terrorize the African American community, in 1875, two years before his death, Forrest engaged in a business venture that relied on convict-lease laborers. Convict-lease programs operated as a quasi-slavery institution that economically exploited mostly black prisoners forcing them to repay arbitrary fines with uncompensated backbreaking labor. This program was granted to him through a contract with the state. Just like his pre-Civil War human trafficking career, Forrest's postwar entrepreneurial enterprises again relied upon the commercial exploitation of black bodies. Every aspect of Forrest's life, before, during, and after the Civil War, was dedicated to the violent preservation of white supremacy.

Like the racial legacy of Nathan Bedford Forrest, the timing and naming of the Forrest Hall building on MTSU's campus were both symbols of white supremacy. Named in 1954, in unapologetic opposition to the landmark Supreme Court *Brown v. Board of Education* decision (ruling educational segregation unconstitutional), administrators on campus sent a clear message to members of the middle Tennessee community and to the nation. This message was simply that, at the time, MTSU was hostile to educational integration. Thankfully, times have changed and MTSU's undergraduate population now reflects the demographic diversity of the state. However, Forrest Hall remains a painful reminder of this legacy of historical intolerance.

In 2016, when more than one in four MTSU students is nonwhite it is time to abandon the legacy of bigotry that Forrest Hall represents. The time has come to reject the hurtful name of a divisive individual who would have resented the current demographic diversity we celebrate on MTSU's campus. We propose that the ROTC Building be renamed Veterans Hall.

Sincerely,

Black Faculty and Staff Association

MURFREESBORO BRANCH
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION for the ADVANCEMENT
of COLORED PEOPLE

OFFICIAL POSITION STATEMENT

FORREST HALL TASK FORCE

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PASTOR DAVID SETTLES
CHAIR, LEGAL REDRESS

The Murfreesboro Branch of the NAACP takes the position that the university should have the name of Forrest Hall changed. The membership agrees that a building representing the Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest should not be on any university campus building.

In 1968, I had been a student during the time of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s death and had been a part of the protest to remove the emblem of the Confederate General Forrest on the horse from the University Center wall led by Sylvester Brooks. Furthermore, the students were concerned about the image that was being portrayed around the campus in sports and as well as the mascot with the Raider outfit and horse.

In the 1960s, more African American students were beginning to attend the university following the opening in 1962 as well as to other International students. The first African American female, Mrs. Olivia Woods, who attended in 1962 is still residing in Rutherford County at the age of 95 and a member of Allen Chapel AME Church.

Middle Tennessee State University opened its doors to minorities prior to forced integration by the Rutherford County Schools. In 1968, downtown Murfreesboro had public businesses with the White Only/Colored Only signs posted to separate the races in waiting rooms, restrooms and water foundations. The young adults of the Murfreesboro community and the MTSU students began to protest businesses in the late 1960s and early 1970s following the sitting-ins in Nashville.

Special thank you was given to Coach Dean Hayes, MTSU Track Coach, who reached out to the Murfreesboro community by giving a scholarship to Robert Mallard for track, who attended Holloway High School. Coach Hayes solicited International students as well to come to Middle Tennessee State University. The university was changing and more minorities were willing to come to Murfreesboro for academics and to play sports.

More students voiced their concerned then, and the university made major changes in its mascot over the years because of the diverse campus. I had an opportunity to work with students in Social Work and the Murfreesboro community from 1976-78 for hands-on experiences with social issues and how to resolve them.

When we, as African Americans think of the name of Nathan Bedford Forrest, Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), and how he massacred and murdered people of color at Fort Pillow in West Tennessee, which included men, women and children his name should not be honored at this institution of higher learning.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) stands with the students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community with changing the name of Forrest Hall. The NAACP and the AME Church are partners in the fight for equal justice for all regardless of their race or national origin.

On June 17 of 2015, Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina lost nine members of their congregation because the young man wanted a "Race Riot." Praises to God, family members of the deceased showed him their true hearts by saying "we forgive you." As a member of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, I had an opportunity to travel to Charleston, South Carolina last

year and met some of the relatives. In my conversations, we observed that this young man passed over 100 churches from his home to get to Mother Emanuel AME Church during a Wednesday Bible Study.

His hate for a race of people different from his own causes all of us to rethink what we are allowing to continue here at Middle Tennessee State University. We are trying not to relive those dark days, but to learn from them and move forward as one for all regardless of race or national origin.

For those individuals who are not aware, Mother Emanuel AME Church is the oldest AME Church in the South. Its history has housed all civil rights leaders who have fought for changes in legislation to include better treatment for all people regardless of race and national origin.

South Carolina State Legislators and the Governor came together to remove their Confederate Flag from the state property and placed it in a museum because of the photos of the young man with the confederate flag. The pastor of Mother Emanuel AME Church then, Senator Pinckney, was a member of the South Carolina State Senate.

We, NAACP would like the Forrest Hall Task Force Committee to consider the request of the faculty, staff, students and alumni as well as the community to move forward by placing the name of Nathan Bedford Forrest and his military experiences in a museum or with the Center for Historic Preservation.

March 17, 2016

To the Chairman and Members of the Forrest Hall Task Force:

The following is the Military Science Alumni Chapter's official position in regards to the US Army Military Science/ROTC building's name - Forrest Hall.

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Middle Tennessee State University

Military Science Alumni Chapter

Organizational Forum Position Paper

March 24, 2016

Captain Gerald Davidson, 1964; Captain Charles Tucker, 1965; 1st Lieutenant George Burkhart, 1965; 2nd Lieutenant John Fuque, 1966; Captain Joe Fulghum, Jr., 1967; Captain Robert Boyd, 1967; 1st Lieutenant Pierre Piche, 2003; 1st Lieutenant Kenneth Ballard, 2004.

These eight officers paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we could come together tonight, without fear of reprisal or punishment, to openly voice our opinions, our concerns, and our support, and to exercise the freedoms held so dear by all Americans.

These eight commisionees and all other MTSU-ROTC graduates learned their tradecraft - that of leading our nation's sons and daughters in peace or in war - from classroom studies, practical exercises, and examples exhibited by their instructors as they developed and matured into part of the world's greatest military.

These eight, along with nearly 1500 other commisionees have passed through the halls and classrooms of Forrest Hall over its 60 plus years. We never questioned the building's name…what we knew and still know today is that history, good or bad, is the foundation we officers use to ensure that we do not make the same mistakes.

The Military Science Alumni Chapter members express their gratitude to the Task Force for this opportunity to present their majority's position that the name remain – Forrest Hall.

We do not present this paper to debate the good or bad of General Forrest or of the Civil War. The committee has on-board historians to correctly enlighten the committee on both. However the fact is that the army and the nation reconciled after the war. One effort in the healing process was the naming of ten United States Army posts after Confederate officers, including Army Posts Bragg, Hood, Polk, Rucker and Lee. Confederates were never labeled "traitors." That is a modern, legalistic interpretation. Culturally, we reconciled and accepted the battlefield results, while understanding that the motivations for fighting were complex and varied on both sides.

We do say that Forrest Hall is more than brick and mortar, more than just a building on campus.... it is a "rally point" for our alumni. A rally point, as used by the US Army is a place designated to reassemble and reorganize if forces become dispersed; a place to account for soldiers, disseminate information, and reestablish the chain of command. As our commissionees and graduates are assigned all over the world, we always know that we can come back to Forrest Hall for a safe and secure place, that harbors no ill will because of the name, but a place for our band of brothers and sisters who have lived, and died, defending this nation's freedom to call friendly ground.

Our Military Science Alumni Chapter members conducted a survey regarding the recommendations chartered by the committee. Of the 179 responses, 89% support the position that the name of Forrest Hall remain unchanged, 11% support changing the name of Forrest Hall or have no opinion on the matter. So our Chapter's recommendation to the committee is in support of the keeping the name – Forrest Hall.

At the first forum, it was asked if the Military Science cadets receive training influenced by GEN Forrest. Instruction, past and present, addresses the characteristics and tactics of military

leaders throughout history. World War II's – GEN Patton, Desert Shield / Desert Storm's – GEN Schwarzkopf, and even Civil War's GEN Forrest. Besides classroom instruction, the ROTC Department conducts actual historical battlefield "field trips." For MTSU – Stones River and Chickamauga are two that are used. The cadets walk the battlefield discussing small unit leadership, the military decision making process, and ethics and values needed to lead. The instruction looks at all sides of leadership to help our future leaders do what is right, should they be put into real world situations like those they study. We learn from the experiences of others, their successes and mistakes, both on our side as well as those of our enemies. So yes, the importance of what Forrest did, good or bad, is part of the cadets' training.

And lastly, for some who say you can never come home, we the Alumni Chapter say you are wrong. We do…from wherever our political leaders send us: Vietnam, Korea, Central America, Iraq and Afghanistan. When we come home, we come home to Forrest Hall, where our professional lives began, and to remember and honor those eight from our ranks who gave their lives in defense of our great nation.

Distinguished members of the committee, again thank you for the opportunity present our position. Yours is a difficult, but important task.

Keep the name. Thank you.

TBR, MTSU

Petition for Waiver

Attachment 3

Task Force Recommendation

to the President

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

MEMO

DATE: April 21, 2016

TO: Dr. Sidney A. McPhee
President, MTSU

FROM: Derek W. Frisby
Chair, Presidential Task Force to Reconsider the Naming of Forrest Hall

RE: Recommendation of the Presidential Task Force to Reconsider the Naming of MTSU's Forrest Hall

In October 2015, you appointed a task force composed of university stakeholders to determine if a name change was necessary for MTSU's Forrest Hall. The task force was asked to provide one of three recommendations to the President: 1) to keep the name; 2) to keep the name with added historical context; or 3) to change the name. The task force conducted several public forums and then deliberated on the various issues concerning the building's name honoring Confederate cavalryman, Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest.

The task force recommends to change the name of Forrest Hall. This recommendation was reached by a majority of the task force members; however, a significant minority expressed their opinions that the name should remain or remain with context.

As we have discussed, if you accept the task force recommendation for a name change, then a waiver for such action must be requested pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 4, "The Tennessee Heritage Preservation Act of 2016." The task force stands ready to assist in the preparation of a report to accompany this waiver request. Additionally, if you determine "to keep the name, but with added historical context," the task force is prepared to assist your office in determining the appropriate historical contextualization to be added.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the chair of this distinguished panel. I believe each member has demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to this task. I relied extensively upon their constructive criticism, intellectual input, and collegiality during this process. The entire university staff accommodated our meetings and requests for information in a professional and efficient manner. Furthermore, I want to express my appreciation and admiration for the assistance of Jimmy Hart, director of MTSU News and Media Relations. He was an invaluable part of this team and often went above and beyond his assigned duties, and always in a manner consistent with our "True Blue" values.

I am available anytime to discuss the task force's recommendations if you need additional information or clarification.

TBR, MTSU

Petition for Waiver

Attachment 4

Decision of Dr. Sidney McPhee

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE
STATE UNIVERSITY

April 28, 2016

Dr. Derek Frisby, Chair
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Dear Dr. Frisby,

I deeply appreciate the service by the members of the task force, and you as the chair, in facilitating the discussion on the Forrest Hall name associated with the building that houses our Department of Military Science.

As you know, I appointed the task force and asked it consider whether the name of the military science building should be changed, retained or augmented with historical context. I am writing to confirm receipt of your letter reporting the task force's strong consensus, with duly noted objections of some, in support of changing the name.

It is clear that there are many wide-ranging and contradicting views about the life and legacy of Confederate Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest. I do not feel it is my role to discern the appropriateness or relevance of his actions prior, during or after the Civil War. It was appropriate, however, for me to assess whether the decision made in the middle of the 20th Century to name the building for General Forrest remains in our best interest in the second decade of the 21st Century.

And, in my view, the values and goals we share in 2016 as a comprehensive university with international reach are not best reflected by retaining a name affixed in 1958 when we were a small local college that rarely extended beyond our region. As such, I accept the task force's consensus recommendation and will forward it to TBR for consideration. If the Regents concur, it will go to the Tennessee Historical Commission or appropriate state agency for further review and consideration.

We now live in a time and circumstance that our predecessors perhaps could have never imagined. When Forrest Hall was dedicated in 1958, we were still Middle Tennessee State College and boasted an enrollment of just 2,539 students. We were decades away from the far-reaching and inclusive

opportunities that would become our hallmark. And, as was common of that time, images and references of General Forrest were used routinely throughout the University and its activities.
As our university grew in size and stature, so did our awareness of the controversial connotation that our use of General Forrest and other Confederate symbols had upon our goal to mature into an institution with broader reach and scope. We began to discourage such iconography in the years that followed and sought other ways for the University community to express its identity.

Our institution today is the largest in the Tennessee Board of Regents system with an enrollment of almost 23,000 students. We recruit students and faculty from across the nation and world and many of our academic programs and industry partnerships attract global attention. We have 39 international partnerships in 18 countries. We must acknowledge our past but we must remain focused on our future.

I believe the names we affix to campus buildings should ideally add value, or at least be neutral, to our overriding responsibility to recruit and retain exceptional students and faculty. Further, when buildings and other elements are named after individuals, current state policy requires that the person or persons should have a clear connection to the institution as a student, alumni, faculty member, administrator, public official tied to our governance, or a donor whose generosity furthered the goals of the University. Forrest Hall is the only building on our campus named for an individual without such ties.

However, it is important to note that MTSU understands history should never be erased. We have supported research, programs and projects that tell the stories of how the Civil War transformed Tennessee. MTSU's Center for Excellence in Historic Preservation has helped place more than 400 interpretive Civil War markers across the state. In Murfreesboro, the university has assisted in developing displays that stand at the Rutherford County Courthouse and Oaklands Mansion, informing residents and visitors of General Forrest's actions.

The best place for commemorating heritage is on the hallowed ground where it occurred, and that is what MTSU has done. We remain committed to supporting fully these, and many other, important efforts on behalf of Tennessee's Civil War past.

In my examination of the military science building, I can find no reference to the general beyond his last name in the letters above the front door and on a small plaque in the yard that just reads, "Forrest Hall." If our intent in naming Forrest Hall was to educate our students about his historical impact and military contributions, we have most certainly failed in that regard.

Therefore, I have asked Dr. Carroll Van West, who serves as the Tennessee state historian as well as a distinguished member of our faculty, to develop a historical timeline, with primary source set, to be housed in the Albert Gore Research Center. This timeline will encapsulate the life, legacy and impact that General Forrest had upon our state, region and nation. I also have asked Dr. West that this timeline also explore the use and role of General Forrest's image by our University. By doing these things, we are putting history in a place and manner that better educates our students.

Finally, when I delivered the charge to the task force, I stressed it was most appropriate for me not to attend your meetings, since your duty was to hear diverse viewpoints of stakeholders and members of our university and local communities and deliver to me a recommendation for my consideration. However, I did view the proceedings by video and closely followed news and social media reports that emanated from the sessions.

While watching the video footage and reading the reports, I was reminded of the oft-cited observation that while our Freedom of Speech, guaranteed in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, can be messy, restricting it can be messier. I was disappointed that certain moments at the public forums were unruly and disrespectful. But I also know that our freedom allows for such sharp discourse. Free speech covers views that you find disagreeable as much as it does for those views you embrace.

Please accept, and convey to your fellow task force members, my thanks for this valuable service to the University. This was a difficult, yet extremely valuable, process for our community.

Sincerely,

Sidney A. McPhee
President

C: David Gregory, Acting Chancellor
Task Force Members

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Attachment 5

Minutes from TBR Meeting, June 24, 2016

TENNESSEE BOARD OF REGENTS
Quarterly Board Meeting
Friday, June 24, 2016 - 9:30 a.m. (EDT)
Agenda

I. Minutes
   A. March 30, 2016 Regular Session Board Meeting
   B. May 27, 2016 Special Called Session

II. Report of Interim Action

III. Report of the Committees
   A. Report of the Academic Policies and Programs Committee Meeting on June 23, 2016
   B. Report of the External Affairs Committee Meeting on June 23, 2016
   C. Report of the Workforce Development Committee Meeting on June 23, 2016
   D. Report of the Audit Committee Meeting on June 23, 2016

IV. Report of the Regents Award for Excellence in Philanthropy

V. Report of the Chancellor

VI. Reports of Presidents and Directors

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business
   A. Criteria for the Chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents
   B. Criteria for the President of Jackson State Community College
   C. Report of the Finance and Business Operations Committee Meeting on June 23, 2016, that Includes Approval of Tuition and Maintenance Fees and Approval of the Funding for Operations for the 2016 – 2017 Fiscal Year
   D. Report of the Personnel and Compensation Committee Meeting on June 23, 2016, that Includes Faculty Promotional Increases and Approval of the System Compensation Plan Recommendations
   E. Building Renaming from Middle Tennessee State University
   F. Building Naming Request from Walters State Community College
   G. Resolution of Appreciation for President Wade McCamey
   H. Resolution of Appreciation for Faculty Regent Tricia Farwell
   I. Resolution of Appreciation for Student Regent Nick Russell
   J. Election of the Vice Chairman for 2016-2017

TENNESSEE BOARD OF REGENTS

MEETING:	June Quarterly Meeting
SUBJECT:	Building Renaming for Middle Tennessee State University
DATE:	June 24, 2016
PRESENTER:	Acting Chancellor David Gregory
ACTION REQUIRED:	Voice Vote
STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION:	Approve

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

TBR Policy 4:02:05:01, Naming Buildings and Facilities & Building Plaques, vests the prerogative and privilege of naming of buildings for individuals or groups in the Board of Regents.

In October of 2015, President McPhee created a task force to study whether a name change was necessary for Forrest Hall, which is named for Confederate Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest. The task force, comprised of faculty, alumni, students and community members, conducted several public forums and then deliberated at length on the various issues concerning the name of the building. The task force recommended to President McPhee that the name of General Forrest be removed from the building and that the building be called "The ROTC Building". President McPhee has accepted the recommendation of the task force and submitted a request to the Board for approval of the renaming.

Earlier this year, the General Assembly enacted "The Tennessee Heritage Preservation Act of 2016" that prohibits the removal of a historic name, such as General Forrest's from a public building without the permission of the Tennessee Historical Commission. If the Board approves the request to remove the Forrest name, a petition for a waiver of the Act's prohibition must be submitted to the Commission.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chancellor David Gregory

FROM: Dale Sims

SUBJECT: Building Renaming at Middle Tennessee State University

DATE: June 6, 2016

I have reviewed President Sidney McPhee's letter dated April 29, 2016, requesting that the structure housing the university's Army Reserves Officer Training Corps program at the Middle Tennessee State University Campus be renamed the "ROTC Building."

The building is designated for military science programs and is located at the main campus of Middle Tennessee State University, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

The Middle Tennessee State University naming committee met on April 21, 2016. They voted to approve this renaming and their request is in compliance with TBR Policy 4:02:05:01 - Naming Buildings and Facilities and Building Plaques. Based on the documentation submitted by Middle Tennessee State University, they have met the Tennessee Board of Regent policy requirements.

Attachments

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

April 29, 2016

Mr. David Gregory, Acting Chancellor
Tennessee Board of Regents
1415 Murfreesboro Road, Suite 350
Nashville, TN 37217

Dear Chancellor Gregory:

In October 2015, a task force was created to study the naming of Forrest Hall on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University (attached). This task force was led by Dr. Derek Frisby, a Global Studies instructor, and was comprised of faculty, alumni, students and community members. Forrest Hall houses the University's Army Reserve Officers Training Corps program and is named after Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest.

On April 19, the task force announced its recommendation that the structure housing the university's Army Reserves Officer Training Corps program, Forrest Hall, be renamed. The task force held three public forums and two open deliberations in reaching a consensus for this recommendation. The public forums were held on December 1, February 24 and March 24, with the open deliberations on April 14 and April 19.

On April 28, I endorsed the task force's consensus recommendation and am requesting approval for the renaming of Forrest Hall. I believe the names we affix to campus buildings should at best add value, or at least be neutral, to our overriding responsibility to recruit and retain exceptional students and faculty.

Therefore, your consideration and support of this request to approve the renaming of Forrest Hall to the ROTC Building, the name of the building from 1954 to 1958, at the June Quarterly Board Meeting would be most appreciated.
Sincerely,

Sidney A. McPhee
President

Enclosures

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

MEMO

DATE: April 21, 2016

TO: Dr. Sidney A. McPhee
President, MTSU

FROM: Derek W. Frisby
Chair, Presidential Task Force to Reconsider the Naming of Forrest Hall

RE: Recommendation of the Presidential Task Force to Reconsider the Naming of MTSU's Forrest Hall

In October 2015, you appointed a task force composed of university stakeholders to determine if a name change was necessary for MTSU's Forrest Hall. The task force was asked to provide one of three recommendations to the President: 1) to keep the name; 2) to keep the name with added historical context; or 3) to change the name. The task force conducted several public forums and then deliberated on the various issues concerning the building's name honoring Confederate cavalryman, Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest.

The task force recommends to change the name of Forrest Hall. This recommendation was reached by a majority of the task force members; however, a significant minority expressed their opinions that the name should remain or remain with context.

As we have discussed, if you accept the task force recommendation for a name change, then a waiver for such action must be requested pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 4, "The Tennessee Heritage Preservation Act of 2016." The task force stands ready to assist in the preparation of a report to accompany this waiver request. Additionally, if you determine "to keep the name, but with added historical context," the task force is prepared to assist your office in determining the appropriate historical contextualization to be added.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the chair of this distinguished panel. I believe each member has demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to this task. I relied extensively upon their constructive criticism, intellectual input, and collegiality during this process. The entire university staff accommodated our meetings and requests for information in a professional and efficient manner. Furthermore, I want to express my appreciation and admiration for the assistance of Jimmy Hart, director of MTSU News and Media Relations. He was an invaluable part of this team and often went above and beyond his assigned duties, and always in a manner consistent with our "True Blue" values.

I am available anytime to discuss the task force's recommendations if you need additional information or clarification.

Forrest Hall Task Force

- Tony Beard, an alumni representative and president of the MTSU Alumni Association
- Leonard Brown, a student representative and a political science junior; *resigned on March 25
- Tom Clark, a community representative
- Mark Doyle, a faculty representative and an associate professor of History
- Tricia Farwell, president of the MTSU Faculty Senate and faculty regent at the Tennessee Board of Regents
- Derek Frisby, chairman of the task force and faculty member in Global Studies and Cultural Geography
- State Sen. Bill Ketron
- Mike Liles, a community representative
- Grant Marshall, a student representative and a freshman majoring in Organizational Communication
- The Rev. James McCarroll, a community representative
- Erynn Murray, a student representative and vice president of the MTSU Graduate Student Association
- Brig. Gen. David Ogg Jr., U.S. Army (retired), a community representative
- David Otts, a faculty representative and professor in the University College
- Lindsay Pierce, a student representative and president of the MTSU Student Government Association
- Barbara Turnage, a faculty representative and professor of Social Work
- Carroll Van West, resource consultant (non-voting), MTSU professor and State Historian
- Brian Walsh, an alumni representative

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TBR Policy 4:02:05:01 Naming Buildings and Facilities and Building Plaques

Naming Buildings and Facilities & Building Plaques : 4:02:05:01

Printed on October 4, 2016, 4:17 pm

Policy Area

Business and Finance Policies

Applicable Divisions

TCATs, Community Colleges, Universities

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria and process for naming of buildings and facilities governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Policy

I. Naming Buildings and Facilities

A. General Statement

1. The naming of buildings, facilities, grounds, and organizational units of institutions for individuals or groups who have made significant contributions to society is an honored tradition of higher education.
2. The prerogative and privilege of such naming's' on the campuses of the Tennessee Board of Regents System are vested in the Board.
3. Authority to name identifiable sub-units or components of buildings and facilities, however, is delegated to the institution president or director, subject to the criteria and process set forth below.
4. This policy applies to all buildings of the institutions governed by the Board.
5. It also applies to other facilities, grounds, and organizational units which the institution wishes to dedicate in the name of an individual or group.
6. Buildings designated by their general purpose or function are not subject to this policy.

B. Criteria

1. In general, individuals and groups for whom buildings are named must have made a significant contribution to the field of education, government, science, or human betterment.
2. To preserve the integrity of all buildings named in the System, this honor must be reserved for

individuals of recognized accomplishment and character; no building may bear the name of an individual convicted of a felony.

3. In general, buildings should not be named for active employees of the Tennessee Board of Regents.
4. With respect to the naming of buildings on a particular campus, special consideration shall be given to:
   a. The historical significance of the contribution of the individual or group to the institution;
   b. The association of the individual or group with the building to be named;
   c. Any financial contribution of the individual or group to the institution; and
   d. State, regional, national, or international recognition of the individual's or group's contributions and achievements.
5. A given surname may be assigned to only one building on a specific campus.
6. In all cases, naming rights are considered to be in effect for the duration of the effective and typical useful life of the physical building, space or abject, and not in perpetuity.
7. If necessary, the Board reserves the right to remove a name associated with any physical building, space, object, or project at any time if the naming gift pledge remains unfulfilled, it is in the best interests of the institution or of the donor to do so, or to protect the reputation of the institution and/or the donor.

C. Process

1. The institution president or director shall charge a committee to consider and make recommendations for the naming of a building.
2. The committee shall be comprised of student, faculty, and administrative representatives; other representatives of the campus community may serve on the committee, as deemed appropriate by the president or director.
3. The committee shall consider all suggested naming, which satisfy the criteria cited above. Any individual or group associated with the institution may suggest a name for consideration by the committee.
4. The committee shall submit a report to the president or director, which includes a recommendation for the naming, documentation of all suggestions considered, and justification of its recommendation.
5. For naming which require Board approval, the president or director shall submit his or her recommendation, along with the committee's report and any additional supporting information deemed appropriate, to the Board through the Chancellor.
6. No publicity shall be given to the recommendation for naming until it is considered by the Board.
7. For naming not subject to Board approval, the president or director shall determine and make known the naming in the manner deemed most appropriate.

D. Dedication Ceremony and Plaque

1. Upon approval of the naming by the Board, an appropriate dedication ceremony may be planned and

conducted by the institution.

2. The institution also may erect a dedication plaque or comparable marking upon approval of the naming by the Board.
3. The plaque may be separate from the building plaque provided by State regulations.
4. In addition to the individual or group for whom the building is named, the dedication plaque should identify the institution president or director, the Chancellor, and the Chairman of the Board at the time the naming was approved.

II. Building Plaques

A. An institution may affix a building plaque to a new or newly renovated building or facility.

B. All building plaques must comply with Tennessee Board of Regents guidelines adopted pursuant to this policy and State Building Commission policy on building plaques.

C. This section shall apply to any new or newly renovated building or facility.

Sources

TBR Meetings, April 13, 1973; September 30, 1983; June 28, 1985; March 21, 1986; September 18, 1992; March 30, 2007; June 24, 2011; June 28, 2012.

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Attachment 7

Campus Buildings

with Names and Explanations

Building Name History

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Name	Note	NameOld	Named For	Displayed on Building	Bio
Kirksey Old Main	Year built 1911	Kirksey Old Main	Dr. Howard Graden Kirksey	Kirksey Old Main	Howard G. Kirksey - Attended Union University and and UC Berkley. In 1945 he moved to Murfreesboro and was given the title of Middle Tennessee High School Supervisor and awarded full professorship at MTSC. In 1950, upon receiving his doctorate from Peabody he was appointed head of the Department of Education. Helped launch the graduate school at MTSC in 1951. He also was Dean of Graduate School, Dean of the Faculty, Vice-president of Academic Affairs and acting President in 1968. He retired in 1975.
Tom H. Jackson Building	Year built 1911. Changed to Tom H. Jackson 6/2005.	Alumni Center	Tom H. Jackson	Tom H. Jackson Building	Tomas Houston Jackson - Was a 1965 graduate of MTSU with a long history of public service in Nashville and the Middle TN area till his death in February 2005. He was a member of the Tennessee Board of Regents, an administrative assistant in the cabinets of two TN governors and the first Commissioner of Tourism.
Rutledge Hall	Year built 1911	Rutledge Hall	Mrs. Emma Moore Rutledge	Rutledge Hall	Miss Emma Moore Rutledge - Became Matron of the women's dormitory in 1915.
Jones Hall	Year built 1921	Jones Hall	Robert Lee Jones	Jones Hall	Robert Lee Jones - Became 1st President of Middle Tennessee State Normal School on Nov. 10, 1910 - 1921. He selected faculty members and created a catalog of rules and courses of study. In 1911 he began canvassing for students and getting buildings completed, equipment and furnishings delivered. He was considered very organized and had skill in working with people.
Lyon Hall	Year built 1927	Lyon Hall	Dr. Pritchett Alfred Lyon	Lyon Hall	Pritchett Alfred Lyon - He came to Murfreesboro in 1905 as Superintendent of schools. From 1922-1937 he was the 2nd President of Middle Tennessee State Normal School which changed to Middle Tennessee State Teachers College. The new college went through the lengthy process to gain membership in the Southern Assoc. of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the American Assoc. of Teachers Colleges. He took extraordinary measures to keep the college running through the Great Depression.
Pittard Campus School	Year built 1927	Pittard Campus School	Dr. Homer Pittard	Pittard Campus School	Dr. Homer Pittard - Alumni Secretary, education professor and Rutherford County historian.
Wiser-Patten Science Hall	Year built 1932	Wiser-Patten Science Hall	Dr. James Eldred Wiser - Dr. John Anon Patten	Wiser - Patten Science Hall	Dr. J. Eldred Wiser - Head of Chemistry and Physics Department. Dr. John Patten - Head of Biology Department.
Voorhies Engineering Technology	Year built 1942. Name changed from Voorhies Industrial Studies 7/2008.	Voorhies Industrial Studies	Dr. Edwin S. Voorhies	Voorhies Engineering Technology	Dr. Edwin S. Voorhies - Employed in 1949 and resigned in 1955 to work at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville. He returned in 1957 and was appointed head of the industrial arts department.
Smith Hall	Year built 1951	Smith Hall	Quintin Miller Smith	Smith Hall	Quintin Miller Smith - The 3rd President of State Teachers College of Murfreesboro. Served from 1938-1958. He had been President of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute since 1920. He was a member of the first graduating class of STC. He was an editor of the Signal, the student publication; the first senior class president, member of the football team and President of the Alumni Association.
James Union Building	Year built 1952	James Union Building	Clayton Lawrence James	James Union	Clayton James - Longtime educator and appointed in 1947 as first Dean of students.
Monohan Hall	Year built 1954	Monohan Hall	Miss Katherine Monohan	Monohan Hall	Katherine Monohan - Master of Arts from Peabody Normal and member of Knoxville's High School Faculty for 16 years. She came to Normal for three and a half decades teaching American History till her retirement Sept. 1, 1945. Beloved teacher known for love of teaching about Andrew Jackson.
Forrest Hall	Year built 1954	Forrest Hall	General Nathan Becford Forrest	Army ROTC Forrest Hall	Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest
Andrew L. Todd Hall	Year built 1958. Building renamed in October 2004, renamed March 2006.	Todd Library	Dr. Andrew L. Todd	Andrew L. Todd Hall	Andrew L. Todd - Was considered the "founding father" of the Murfreesboro school. He was a State Board member and part of the initial selection committee for choosing Murfreesboro as the location for Normal school.

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Beasley Hall	Year built 1959	Beasley Hall	Nathaniel Craig (N.C.) Beasley	Beasley Hall	N.C Beasley - served as Academic Dean starting in 1927, became Associate Dean of Admissions in 1961 releasing more time for admission counseling and interpretation of incoming academic credentials. He was also known as a registrar, fundraiser and unofficial recruiter.
Sims Hall	Year built 1959	Sims Hall	Dr. C.C. Sims	Sims Hall	Dr. C. C. Sims - Head of Social Science and wrote the history of Rutherford County.
Saunders Fine Arts	Year built 1959	Saunders Fine Arts	Miss Elizabeth Mai Saunders	Saunders Fine Arts	E. Mai Saunders -Graduate of Forest Park University, St. Louis, MO. Came to Normal from Peabody College where she was an instructor in instrumental music from 1911 - 1955. Organized the choir followed by the first orchestra in 1913.
Reynolds Hall	Year built 1960	Reynolds Hall	Miss Tommie Reynolds	Reynolds Hall	Miss Tommie Reynolds - Rutherford County native from Rucker, graduated from Peabody College in 1911 and shortly thereafter took a position as a Math instructor with Normal. She was an instructor for 48 years teaching Mathematics till 1922 when she transferred to Physical Education. She organized a women's basketball team in 1924 - 1926. After that she remained in Physical Education as a Director of Intramurals and a member of the Mathematics department. After 1944 she devoted full time to Mathematics.
Schardt Hall	Year built 1960	Schardt Hall	Miss Elizabeth Schardt	Schardt Hall	Elizabeth Schardt - Taught Foreign Languages at MTN and MTSTC for 43 years beginning in 1918 through 1962. Education from UT, Peabody and studied abroad. She was a Foreign Language instructor in the Army training corps program for campus WWI military units. She co-founded Tau Omicron Women's Honor Society in 1931 and served as an advisor for "Sidelines" and various other clubs and societies.
Ellington Human Sciences	Year built 1962	Ellington Human Sciences	Governor Buford Ellington	Ellington Human Sciences	Buford Ellington - Governor of Tennessee from 1959-1963 and 1967-1971. Served as Frank Clement's campaign manager and Commissioner of Agriculture.
Mary Hall	Year built 1962	Mary Hall	Miss Mary Hall	Miss Mary Hall	Miss Mary Hall - Dean of Women and longtime faculty member from 1937-1960
Mc Henry Hall	Year built 1962	Mc Henry Hall	McHenry	McHenry Hall	Mrs. Bonnie McHenry - Secretary to the President (1918-1964 except for 1924-1926)
Judd Hall	Year built 1963	Judd Hall	William Benton Judd	Judd Hall	William Benton Judd - Alumni Secretary and instructor in Economics 1936 - 1948
Gracy Hall	Year built 1963	Gracy Hall	B.B. Gracy, Jr.	Gracy Hall	B.B. Gracy - Taught Agriculture and Physical Education from 1918-1962.
Cyber Café at Woodmore	Year built 1963	Woodmore Cafeteria	Thomas Britton Woodmore	Cyber Café at Woodmore	Thomas Britton Woodmore - Started in 1929 as a Business Manager till 1931 when he was elevated to Bursar. He was relegated to Assistant Bursar in 1959- 1964 because of a new State Board regulation relating to age.
Boutwell Dramatic Arts	Year built 1964	Boutwell Dramatic Arts	Dr. Lane Boutwell	Boutwell Dramatic Arts	Dr. Lane Boutwell - Starting in 1947 he taught Speech and Theatre. He retired in 1974.
Cope Administration Building	Year built 1965	Cope Administration	Dr. Quill Evan Cope	Quill E. Cope Administration Building	Dr. Quill Cope - The 4th President of Middle Tennessee State College, served 1958-1968. Born in Sparta TN in 1912. Received his doctorate in Education at New York University in 1952. Many levels of education experience such as teaching at Sparta H.S., University of Tennessee and was Tennessee Commissioner of Education.
Corlew Hall	Year built 1967	High Rise West	Dr. Robert E. Corlew	Corlew Hall	Dr. Robert E. Corlew - Was celebrated in May 1990 for 40 years of dedication to academic excellence as teacher, department chair and Vice President by naming High Rise West Corlew Hall.
Davis Science Building	Year built 1967	Davis Science Building	George Davis	George Davis Science Building	George Davis - Biologist who joined the faculty in 1917. Received his M.A. from Peabody College in 1928. From 1918-1926 he was designated as head of Biology as a separate department and in 1933 it embraced agriculture again and became Dept. of Biological Sciences. The department was absorbed by the Dept. of Physical Sciences in the mid-1930's. The combined department was chaired by George Davis until his retirement in 1944.
Keathley University Center	Year built 1967	Keathley University Center	Dr. Snyder Belt Keathley	Keathley University Center	Dr. Keathley - Dean of Students in 1954 and first Dean of Financial Aid.
Peck Hall	Year built 1968	Peck Hall	Drs. Richard & Virginia Peck	Peck Hall	Richard C. Peck - Chairman of the Department of English from 1946-1973. Virginia L. Peck - Teacher in English Department from 1946-1976.
Stark Agribusiness and Agriscience Center	Year built 1968	Stark Agribusiness and Agriscience Center	Dr. Clifford N. Stark	Stark Agribusiness and Agriscience Center	Clifford Stark - He was in the original graduating class of MTSU. Head of Agriculture Department and of dairy division at Cornell, where he taught before coming here. He taught at MTSU until he retired. He gave the farm at Manson Pike to MTSU.

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Deere Hall	Year built 1969	Deere Hall	Jack Deere	Deere Hall	Jack Deere - Played football and was an assistant football coach and Physical Education teacher for Middle Tennessee State. He helped with athletic and alumni programs.
Nicks Hall	Year built 1969	Dorm I	Dr. Roy S. Nicks	Nicks Hall	Dr. Roy Nicks - Head of the Board of Regents, headed the selection committee to find new president.
Jim Cummings Hall	Year built 1969	Jim Cummings Hall	Senator James Harvey "Mr. Jim" Cummings	Jim Cummings Hall	James H. Cummings - Representative of Tennessee General Assembly and Secretary of State of TN for 36 years. "Mr. Jim" led an effort to provide $60,000 to each of the state colleges.
McFarland Building	Year built 1969	McFarland Health Service	John "Jack" Albert McFarland, Jr	McFarland	John A. McFarland - an MTSU supporter and Murfreesboro journalist and businessman. He was an owner of the Mid-South Publishing Company, which published the Murfreesboro *Daily News Journal* and the *Rutherford Courier* in Smyrna. Helped create MTSU Foundation and served as its president in 1962.
Floyd Stadium	Year built 1998	Floyd Stadium	Johnny "Red" Floyd	Johnny Red Floyd Stadium	Johnny Red Floyd - Native of Rutherford County. Played football for Normal in 1914 then 2 years on Vanderbilt's team. Coached 1917-1918. The team was undefeated in 1917 and went back to Vanderbilt to coach for 2 seasons. He returned after 17 years in 1935 to another undefeated season. He completed his career at MT in 1939 with an overall record of 23 wins, 8 losses and 1 tie.
Maintenance Complex (Holmes)	Year built 1969	Maintenance Complex (Holmes)	John Sherwood "Shylock" Holmes	J.S. Holmes Building	John Sherwood Holmes - First student to register at Normal and Bursar 1912-1935, Assistant Bursar 1935-1951.
Maintenance Complex (Hastings)	Year built 1969	Maintenance Complex (Hastings)	William C. Hastings	Will Hastings Building	William C. Hastings - Superintendent of Buildings 1922-1949, Assistant 1945-1958
Maintenance Complex (Haynes-Turner)	Year built 1969	Maintenance Complex (Haynes-Turner)	Bill Haynes - Ed Turner	Haynes - Turner Building	Billy Morris Haynes - Long time Janitor of MTSU / Ed Turner- Janitor but doubled as the self-appointed trainer and water boy for athletic teams. Was employed at Normal for 32 years.
Maintenance Complex (Bayer-Travis)	Year built 1969	Maintenance Complex (Bayer-Travis)	Julius Bayer - Floyd Travis	Bayer - Travis Building	Julius Bayer - Purchasing agent and Custodian of Property 1927-1935, Farm Manager 1935-1945 / Floyd Travis - Campus Maintenance 1928-1935, Campus Foreman 1945-1961.
Murphy Center	Year built 1971	Murphy Center	Charles M. Murphy	Charles M. Murphy Athletic Center	Charles "Bubber" Murphy - An alumni 1938 who lettered in 4 sports and in 1947 returned to lead the Raiders to a 9-1-0 season beginning his 22 year career as the "winningest coach" in Middle Tennessee history. Was also the Athletic Director.
Abernathy Hall	Year built 1973	Dorm J	Dr. James Robert Abernathy	Abernathy Hall	Dr. Robert Abernathy - He received his bachelor's degree from MTSTC in 1929 and his master's degree from Peabody College in 1934 including 2 years at Duke University. Director of Recruitment, Placement and Extension classes and Director of the administrative unit of Field Services, Development and Special Services. Best known for his role as ambassador for MTSU. Over his career he made over 2,500 speaking appearances in 21 states.
Ezell Hall	Year built 1973	Dorm K	Dr. Kenneth Ezell	Ezell Hall	Dr. Kenneth Ezell - An MT letterman in baseball and basketball in the 1930's. After graduation he formed the first Blue Raider Club in 1947, where he was president 4 times. He was a member of the Tennessee Board of Regents.
Ned McWherter Learning Resources Center	Year built 1975	Ned McWherter Learning Resources Center	Governor Ned McWherter	Ned McWherter Learning Resources Center	Ned McWherter - 46th Tennessee Governor from 1987-1995, a Democrat who pursued a broadly progressive agenda, raising financing for poor school districts. In 1992 and 1993 City and State Magazine named TN the best managed state government. Governing magazine, the next year called Mr. McWherter the nation's best governor.
E. W. Midgett Building	Year built 1959	Business Building	Elwin W. Midgett	E.W. Midgett Business Building	Elwin "Wink" Midgett - He came to MTSTC in 1939 to start the business department. The first courses in business were in offered by the division of social science. In 1946 a business department was established and he served as the head of the business department from 1946 - 1964. He also coached football in fall of 1946 and in spring of 1947. He retired in 1979.
Wright Music Building	Year built 1980	Wright Music Building	Neil Wright, 12/05 Joseph T. Smith Rehearsal Hall	Wright Music	Neil Wright - In 1946, after being in the service became the Head of Music Department and Professor of Voice and Choral Activities. While professor at MTSC, he also presided over many associations, and was the concert and marching band director, and oratio soloist, and a church choir director and professional trumpet player. He retired in May 1997.
Miller Lanier Airway Science	Year built 1989	Airway Science	H. Miller Lanier	H. Miller Lanier Airway Science	Miller Lanier - Aerospace department spawned from one teacher, Miller Lanier. He had his own flight school and taught college credit courses in flying and ground school.

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John Bragg Mass Communication Building	Year built 1990	John Bragg Mass Communication Building	Representative John Bragg	John Bragg Mass Communication Building	John Bragg - An Alumni of MTSU, a Newspaper Publisher, and a Printing Executive and State Legislator for two decades in the TN House of Represtatives. Chairman of the House Finance Ways and Means Committee known for his expertise in State fiscal matters.
Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building	Year built 1994, addition 2006	Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building	Dr.'s John F. Cason and Lois M. Kennedy	Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building	John F. Cason M.D. - A Murfreesboro native that became the town's first obstetrician. He formed the Charity Pre and Postnatal Clinic at Rutherford Hospital. Lois M Kennedy, M.D. - A Texas resident, practiced maternal-child medicine in Murfreesboro her entire career. She volunteered professional time at the Charity Pre and Postnatal Clinic at the Rutherford Hospital and later at the Rutherford County Health Department where she helped many MTSU nursing students gain additional clinical experience.
Strobel Biology Annex	Year built 2016		Eugene F. Strobel	Strobel Biology Annex, renamed Strobel Lobby 2015 with reconstruction of connector between Davis and Wiser Patten and major renovations 2015-2016.	Eugene "Gene" Strobel - Earned Bachelor's and Master's Degrees at Peabody and doctoral work at Vanderbilt and LSU. Taught at MTSU and was elected mayor of Bell Buckle in 1979 where he served 3 terms.
Jean A. Jack Flight Education Center	Year built 1997	Airport Teaching Facility	Col. Jean A. Jack	Jean A. Jack Flight Education Center	Col. John A. Jack - Graduate from the Univ. of Nebraska and did his post grad work in Oregon State and Ohio State. He completed 28 years of active duty in the U.S. Air Force. Was a squadron commander during WWII and has numerous awards such as the Flying Cross and Purple Heart. He became a MTSU Aerospace Professor in 1970 and retired in 1980, but continued to teach as an adjunct professor until 1994.
Stephen B. Smith Baseball Clubhouse and Indoor Training Facility	Year built 1997		Stephen B. Smith		Stephen B. Smith - Attended MTSU and has served as Director of Blue Raider Athletic Association, on the President's Council and was inducted into the Blue Raider Sports Hall of Fame in 2004. He is the managing Director at Purple Strategies LLC and Principal, Secretary and Treasurer of Haury & Smith Contractors.
James E. Walker Library	Year built 1998	University Library	Dr. James E. Walker	James E. Walker Library	Dr. James E. Walker - MTSU's eighth President starting in Feb of 1991 - July 2000. He placed special emphasis on developing new masters and doctoral opportunities and concentrated on getting students from the top 10 percent of their graduating class. He was instrumental in the building of the Library and the development of University Honors College.
Scarlett Commons Club House and Apartments	Year completed 7/1999	Student Housing	Dr. Mel Scarlett		Dr. Melvin G. Scarlett - The 5th President serving from Aug. 26, 1968 - December 31, 1978. He put an emphasis on creative learning opportunities and launched more new programs than any other institution of higher learning in Tennessee. Established the Doctor of Arts degree to train college teachers, one of five in the nation.
Wood - Stegall Center	Year built 2001; Project completion 5/2003		Randolph (Randy) C. Wood and Whitney Stegall	Wood-Stegall Center	Randolf Wood - Alumni ('41) and originator of Dot Record Company and highly successful Hollywood business man. Whitney Stegall - Alumni ('37) joined with Randy Wood, and staff members Homer Pittard, Dean N.C. Beasley and President Quill Cope to form the Middle Tennessee State College Loan, Scholarship and Development Foundation, to benefit the college.
Paul W. Martin, Sr. Honors Building	Year built 2003 ; Renamed from Honors College 1/2003 and renamed again 10/2003		Paul W. Martin, Sr.	Paul W. Martin, Sr. Honors Building	Paul W. Martin, Sr. - A professional engineer who was a TVA's Area Superintendent, responsible for keeping power on in Murfreesboro and Middle TN from 1959 - 1974. His oldest son was the first graduate of the Honors program in 1975.
Emmett and Rose Kennon Sports Hall of Fame	Year built 2004 ; Renamed from Sports Museum 12/2003	Sports Museum	Emmett and Rose Kennon	Emmett and Rose Kennon Sports Hall of Fame	Emmett Kennon - Alumni ('38) came to STC in 1934 looking for work so he could go to school and play football. He got a job cleaning the locker room. Throughout a successful like he stayed connected to his alma mater and in 2001 he announced plans to fund the Rose and Emmett Kennon Sports Hall of Fame.
Sam H. Ingram Building (2269 Middle Tennessee Boulevard)	Year built 1951 ; 9/2004. Name changed from Middle Tennessee Building 2/2007		Dr. Sam H. Ingram		Sam H. Ingram - The sixth President of MTSU from 1979 - 1989. Established the first seven Chairs of Excellence; Three Centers of Excellence and the School of Mass Communication. Experience to include being Chair of Department of Education; President of Motlow; Tennessee Commissioner of Education to President of MTSU.

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Donald McDonald Hangar	Year built 2005 ; Renamed from Airplane Hangar 3 on 4/08	Airplane Hangar		Donald McDonald Aerospace Maintenance Laboratory	Donald McDonald - Class of '63, has given MTSU time and resources. He served on the the MTSU Foundation Board and Aerospace Advisory Board and are 1911 Society members. They have opened their home and personal hangar in the Blackman Community to aerospace students and faculty.
Dean A. Hayes Track and Soccer Stadium	Substantially complete 5/07, renamed 4/2009 from Track Press box Field House	Track Press box Field House	Dean A. Hayes	Dean A. Hayes Track and Soccer Stadium	Dean Hayes - A science teacher and coach at Lake Forest College in IL before coming to MTSU. He started at MTSU in Aug 1965 as track coach. His teams have won 49 conference championships, winning 29 titles from 1965-2000 in the OVC and 19 championships in from 2000-2013 in the Sun Belt. The women's cross country won the Conference USA title in 2014.
Baseball Stadium	Year built 2007		Reese Smith	Reese Smith Jr. Field	Reese Smith Jr. - Played football at MT for one year before leaving to join infantry in during WWII. He never returned to school instead formed a construction company. He played softball in the 1950's and his exploits lead him into the Nashville Fast Pitch Softball Hall of Fame. His 2 sons played for MTSU and he was a supporter of MTSU and various other schools.
Andrew Woodfin Miller, Sr Education Center	Year built 1999 ; Purchased in 2012 ; Project Completed 2015	Middle Tennessee Medical Center			Andrew Woodfin Miller - A 1966 MTSU graduate. Began his business career as a CPA with an international accounting firm and joined HCA soon after it's inception as a senior officer until 1982. He also served as President and Chair of the Federation of American Hospitals. He co-founded Surgical Care Affiliates in 1982 and Women's Health Partners in 1996 and serves on the board of numerous other private corporations. Currently, he is the Chair and CEO of Women's Health Partners, Nashville and Chair and CEO of Vision America, Memphis. A supporter of MTSU.
Tennessee Miller Coliseum and Horse Barn	Year built 2001		John C. "Tennessee" and Mary Elizabeth Miller	Tennessee Miller Coliseum	John C and Mary Elizabeth Miller - They helped found the Walking Horse Owners Association. They gained considerable wealth in the Alaskan oil fields. Mary Miller, widow of John C, donated $20 million dollars to build a coliseum for horse shows and related activities.

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Excel Spreadsheet of Interested Parties

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Interested Party	Contact Name	Telephone	Email	Physical Address
African American Historical Society of Rutherford County	Mary Watkins, President	615-890-0837 or 615-556-1961	heritageinfo@aahsrc.com	
Bradley Academy Museum and Cultural Center	Dr. Gloria Bonner	MTSU # 615-494-7969	gloria.bonner@mtsu.edu	MTSU work address is Box 104. Museum address is: 511 Mercury Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37130
Bradley Academy Museum and Cultural Center	Ron Washington			Museum address is: 511 Mercury Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37130
Change Forrest Hall	Arin Cooper, Representative		akc3j@mtmail.mtsu.edu	1651 Oakwood Drive, Memphis, TN 38116
Change Forrest Hall	Joshua Crutchfield, Group Leader			Joshua C. Crutchfield, 7241 Sorrenta Road, Knoxville, TN 37918-8413
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Change Forrest Hall	Dakota Dexter, Group Leader		dakotadexter1992@yahoo.com	395 Ashburn Road, Smithville, TN 37166-7343
Change Forrest Hall	Dalton Winfree, Group Leader		jdw9p@mtmail.mtsu.edu	520 Idlewood Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122-2118
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MT Solidarity	Micah Maloney, President		mam2ck@mtmail.mtsu.edu	1107 Harrison Avenue, Murfreesboro, TN 37130-2612
MT Solidarity	Scott Martindale, Executive Council		scott.martindale@mtsu.edu	2850 Middle Tennessee Blvd., Apt. E13, Murfreesboro, TN 37130-7858
MT Solidarity	Craig Morgan, Executive Council		cdm7f@mtmail.mtsu.edu	230 Juarez Drive, Hermitage, TN 37076-2420
MT Solidarity	Michael Principe, Faculty Advisor		michael.principe@mtsu.edu	1301 E. Main Street, Box 73, Murfreesboro, TN 37132
MT Solidarity	Yessi Short, Executive Council			Bursar has no info
MT Solidarity	Dalton Winfree, Executive Council		jdw9p@mtmail.mtsu.edu	520 Idlewood Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122-2118
MTSU Black Faculty and Staff Organization	Dr. Louis Woods	615-898-7987	louis.woods@mtsu.edu	1301 E. Main Street, Box 23, Murfreesboro, TN 37132
MTSU Military Science Alumni Chapter	LTC(R) Kevin Douglas Chaffin, U.S. Army (Retired)	615-896-0027	chaffind@comcast.net	3613 Meadowwood Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37128-4639
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MTSU Military Science Alumni Chapter	Maj. Charles Marshall Giles, U.S. Army (Retired)	615-217-1593	charles.giles@mtsu.edu	1924 Nightwalk Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37130-1823
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NAACP - Rutherford County	Pastor David Settles, Chair, Legal Redress	615-907-7248		The Living Word Worship Center, 1411 Mark Allen Lane, Murfreesboro, TN 37129
Rutherford County Historian	Greg Tucker, Board Member			Rutherford County Historical Society, P.O. Box 906, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-0906
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Sons of Confederate Veterans, TN Division				Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, 1308 Teddys Place, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122
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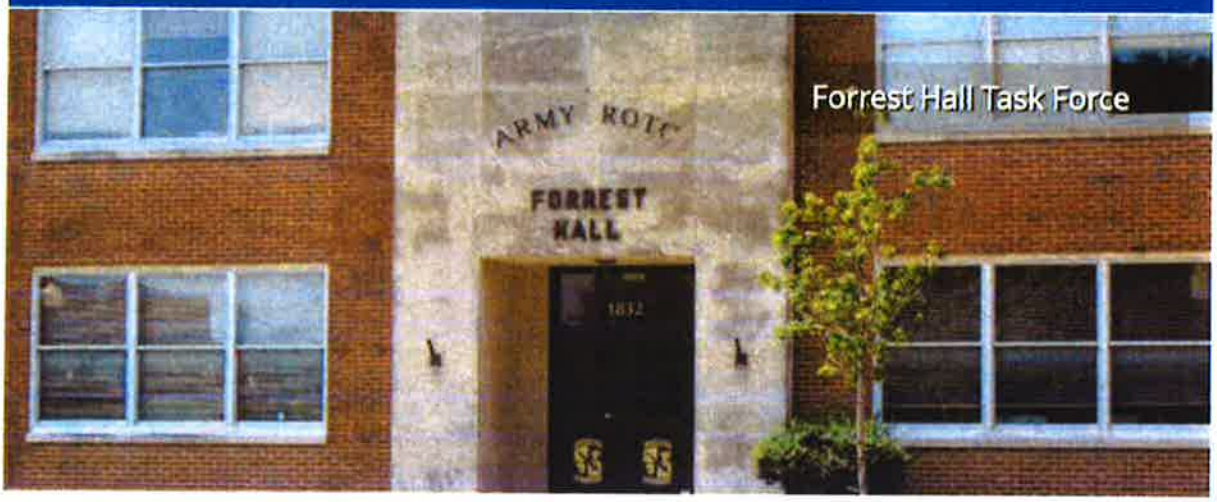

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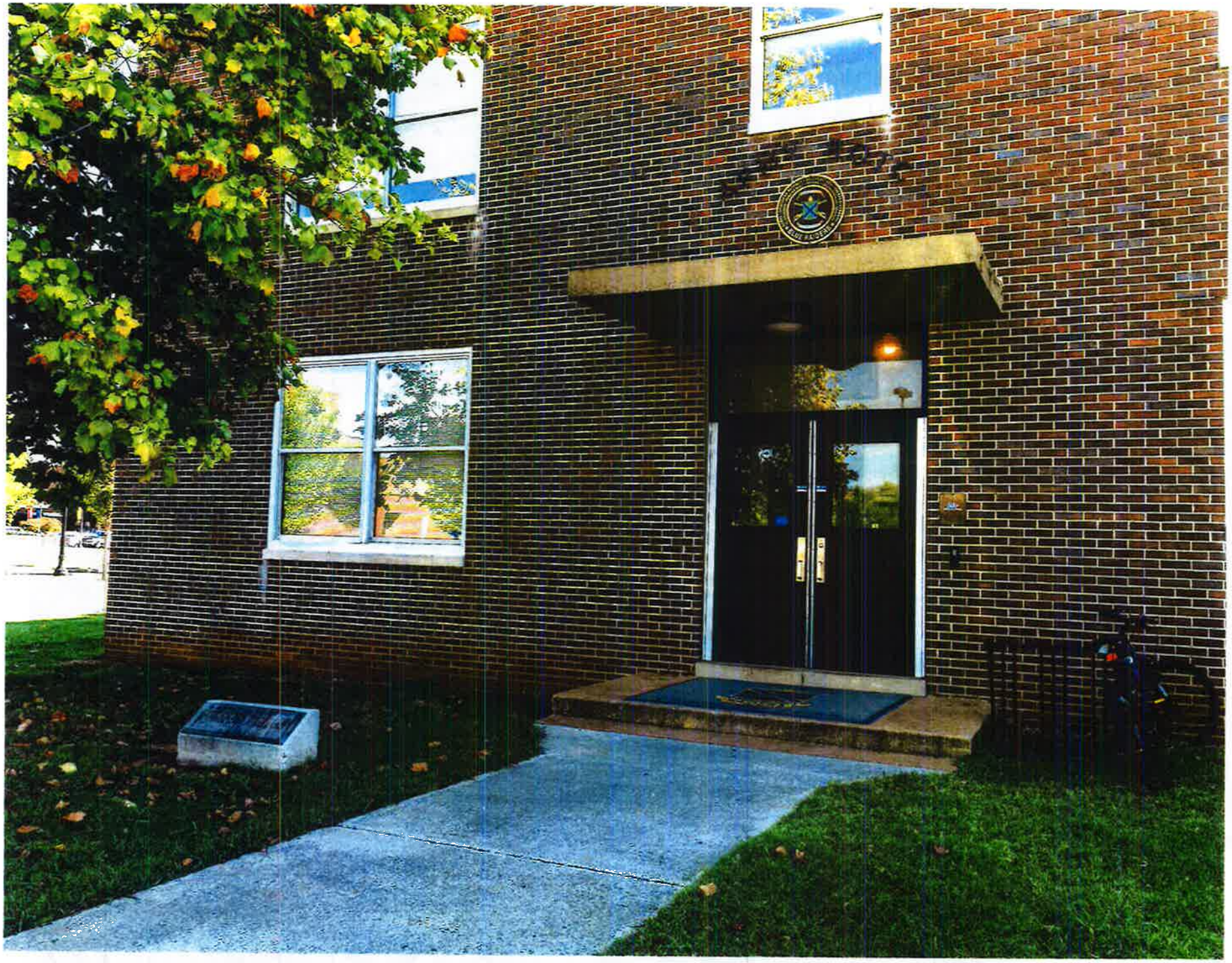
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