

**ILLINOIS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

**Resolution No. 2023.05/31
Authorization to Name
William and Betty Duff and
Robert and Mary Neubrandner
Administrative Faculty Office**

Resolution

Whereas, the Board of Trustees, as authorized by the Board of Trustees Governing Document, Section C, Policies, Subsection IV-C, Naming of Facilities, shall approve the naming of all facilities at the University; and

Whereas, the administrative faculty office in the newly constructed Mennonite College of Nursing Simulation Center is located in Normal, IL; and

Whereas, Judy and David Neubrandner have committed financial resources to Illinois State University; and

Whereas, the University Naming Committee has recommended, and Interim President Tarhule has endorsed the recommendations as described herein:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees in regular meeting assembled, approves the naming of the administrative faculty office in the newly constructed Nursing Simulation Center the “William and Betty Duff and Robert and Mary Neubrandner Administrative Faculty Office” in recognition of financial support to Illinois State University.

Board Action on: _____
Motion by: _____
Second by: _____
Vote: Yeas: _____ Nays: _____

Postpone: _____
Amend: _____
Disapprove: _____
Approve: _____

ATTEST: Board Action, May 12, 2023

Secretary / Chairperson

**Board of Trustees
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Mennonite College of Nursing respectfully requests the naming of the administrative faculty office in the newly constructed Nursing Simulation Center as the William and Betty Duff and Robert and Mary Neubrandner Administrative Faculty Office. This naming reflects and recognizes the generous financial commitment by Judy and David Neubrandner.

Dr. Judy Neubrandner, EdD, FNP-BC, has been the visionary, innovative Dean of the Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University since 2016. Dr. Neubrandner is a tenured nursing professor who has over 20 years of academic experience.

Under Dr. Neubrandner's leadership, ISU's nursing college has had many successes including:

- Creating a student Leadership Academy for senior students to help them thrive in the workforce
- Hosting a year-long community-wide celebration of our 100th Anniversary as a nursing school
- Reinvigorating our transcultural program by creating a public health experiential program in Panama for our students
- Starting the first clinical trials at Illinois State University
- Launching a ten-year partnership with a major hospital system that will create a new nursing campus location in Springfield
- Securing major federal grants to increase diversity in nursing, support nursing in rural areas and expose nurses to primary care sites, especially within clinics and offices serving patients with little access to healthcare
- Maintaining nursing licensure pass rates that far exceed state and national averages

Dr. Neubrandner is a tireless Dean and is well-respected by her peers at the leadership level for her tenacity and hard work. In February, Dr. Neubrandner was formally accepted into the American Council on Education Fellows Program. She also serves on numerous community boards, volunteers at a local free clinic, and enjoys spending time with husband David, two sons, daughter-in law, and new granddaughter.

For several years, Dr. Neubrandner has passionately pursued the idea of building a new nursing simulation center to support the college's ambitious plans for growth, as she is keenly aware of the need for more nurses. She and her husband David have felt so strongly about this project that they would like to personally support it, and honor and memorialize their parents at the same time. Judy and David Neubrandner have therefore pledged funds to support an administrative faculty office for a faculty member who will be working in the Mennonite College of Nursing Simulation Center.