

February 25, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 
RE: Naming Recommendation for the Connelly Sleep Lab

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the Sleep Lab located on the 5th Floor of DeLuca Hall within the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing located on the Storrs campus the "Connelly Sleep Lab."

BACKGROUND:

This Sleep Lab is one of two approximately 200 sq. ft. spaces designated for sleep research and hands-on learning within the Nursing Research Center on the 5th floor of DeLuca Hall within the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing located on the Storrs campus. It is expected to provide a state-of-the-art environment for students and faculty to monitor, advance, and promote sleep health.

Kevin and Denise Connelly are proud UConn alumni who have dedicated their lives in honorable service to the United States. Kevin was a ROTC student who graduated from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources in 1978. He served in the U.S. Army for over 40 years and retired as a Colonel. Denise graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing in 1979 and served in the Army Nurse Corp for nearly 30 years. Their children, Mike and Lauren, were in the ROTC at their respective universities (Penn State and UConn) and served in the US. Army as Rangers.

The Connelly's have donated a gift amount consistent with the amount recommended under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

On February 18, 2026, the Institutional Advancement Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

RESOLUTION RE:
CONNELLY SLEEP LAB

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the Sleep Lab located on the 5th Floor of DeLuca Hall within the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing located on the Storrs campus the "Connelly Sleep Lab."

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution was duly authorized by the Board of Trustees on February 25, 2026.

Bryan K. Pollard, Secretary

Date