

**ILLINOIS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

**Resolution No. 2023.05/32
Authorization to Name
Smith Family Conference Room**

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 Small Conference Room in the newly constructed Mennonite College of Nursing Simulation Center is located in Normal, IL; and

Whereas, Steve Smith has 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 naming the Small Conference Room in the newly constructed College of Nursing Simulation Center the “Smith Family Conference Room” 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
Illinois State University
Authorization to Name Smith Family Conference Room**

Mennonite College of Nursing respectfully requests naming the Small Conference Room in the newly constructed Nursing Simulation Center, as the Smith Family Conference Room. This naming reflects and recognizes the generous support by Steve Smith for the new facility.

Steve Smith has been a proud Redbird, engaged alum, generous donor and committed volunteer to Illinois State University for many years. He received his Bachelor of Science in Public Relations in 1989, and a Master of Science in Communications in 1993.

Steve is currently the CEO of Association Management Center in Chicago, which supports and advises healthcare associations across the country. Reflecting a longtime interest in healthcare and older adults, Steve has held executive positions at the Alzheimer's Association and the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

An active member on the Illinois State University Alumni Association Board of Directors, Steve is highly respected for his knowledge of best practices in governance and board development. In 2016, Steve was inducted into ISU's Division of Student Affairs Steve and Sandi Adams Legacy Hall of Fame. In 2022, the Mennonite College of Nursing asked Steve to help advise and facilitate its newly created Dean's Cabinet.

Steve created the *Smith Family Geriatric Nursing Scholarship* in the Mennonite College of Nursing in 2022 to support a nursing student pursuing a career in oncology, geriatrics, or palliative care. The Smiths have also made generous gifts to Illinois State for the past 15 years, supporting campus experience funds, alumni association scholarships, Greek life, and student leadership programs.

Steve was the very first donor to express a desire to name a space in the new Mennonite College of Nursing Simulation Center.