RESOLUTION

concerning

CHANGE OF NAME

of

JOHN LYMAN AUDITORIUM

at

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

June 15, 1984

WHEREAS, The John Lyman Auditorium is used primarily for events and activities of the performing arts, and

WHEREAS, The Faculty, Staff and Students, including the Cultural Affairs Club, the Music, Theatre, Dance and Art Departments at Southern Connecticut State University recommend that the name of the John Lyman Auditorium be changed to the John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts, and

WHEREAS, The Family of John Lyman supports this change, and

WHEREAS, The President of Southern Connecticut State University has endorsed this change in name, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the John Lyman Auditorium at Southern Connecticut State University be renamed the John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts.

A Certified True Copy:

James A. Frost
President
April 26, 1984

James A. Frost, President
The Connecticut State University
P.O. Box 2008
New Britain, Connecticut 06050

Dear Jim:

This letter and its enclosures constitute a formal request to change the name of the John Lyman Auditorium to the John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts. This change is more in keeping with the intrinsic nature of the activities and events that take place in the building. Moreover, it is a more distinctive and noteworthy designation for such a magnificent facility. Finally, we have the support of all major on-campus users as well as the Lyman family. I ask, therefore, that this change be brought before the Planning Committee and the entire Board of Trustees at the earliest possible time.

Your support is appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Frank Harrison
President

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Enclosures
cc: M. Curry
    C. DiSano
    D. Pedersen
**Executive Dean**

**Dr. Frank Harrison**

**President**

April 25, 1984

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**From**

**Martin J. Curry**

**Executive Dean for Campus Affairs**

**Ext. 4320/21**

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**Proposed Name Change – Lyman Auditorium**

I have received statements in support of a name change for the John Lyman Auditorium to the John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts. Copies of these statements are attached.

Among the groups and individuals supporting the change, it is felt that the proposed name would more ably describe the purpose for which the building is primarily used, would improve its image as a respected performing arts facility, and would be more in keeping with our status as a university. The supporters of this proposal understand that the name change would not alter or limit the use of the facility by the University.

I would not propose the name change without first conferring with the family of John Lyman and gaining its consent. Attached is the response of John Lyman, Jr. written in behalf of the Lyman family.

Everyone understands that the change can only occur with the approval from the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University.

I hope that you can lend your support to this proposed name change.

MJC/ww

attach.

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**PRESIDENT’S OFFICE**
March 5, 1984

Mr. Martin J. Curry
Executive Dean
Campus Affairs
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Dear Mr. Curry:

I have reviewed the statements in support of a name change for the John Lyman Auditorium. I concur with the reasons behind the proposals and I think it is a good idea.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Anisman
Dean, School of Arts & Sciences

MJA/rgr
Interdepartment Message
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To
NAME
Martin Curry

AGENCY
Administrative Affairs

NAME
Kathleen Clemens

AGENCY
Student Government

Title
Dean

ADDRESS
En 125

Title
President

ADDRESS

Subject
Lyman Auditorium Name Change

I would like to add my support to the proposed name change for John Lyman Auditorium. I agree that the proposed name of "John Lyman Performing Arts Center" is more in keeping with our status as a university.

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EXECUTIVE DEAN
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**SUBJECT**: Lyman Name Change

I fully support the change of name to John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts.

Lyman Auditorium is a school name and Center for the Performing Arts is a university name. Let's go with the university title.

cc: Tony Leto
C.L. Sisano
Martin J. Anisman

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EXECUTIVE DEAN
FOR CAMPUS AFFAIR!
TO: Dean Curry

FROM: Harmon Diers
Chairman, Music Department

DATE: November 30, 1983

We in the Music Department would like to add our names to the list of those supporting the proposal to change "Lyman Auditorium" to "Lyman Center for the Performing Arts". This nomenclature is becoming more widely used on university campuses and is more inclusive in that it gives more prestige to what is now called the "Drama Lab", scarcely a "class" appellation.

We vote for the change.
Interdepartment Message

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
Thank You for Sharing Your Idea.  
Please send your ideas to: Employees' Suggestion Awards Program, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, 06106.

SAVE TIME: Handwritten messages are acceptable.  
Use carbon if you really need a copy. If typewritten, ignore faint lines.

To
NAME: Martin Curry  
TITLE: Dean  
DATE: 1/11/84

AGENCY: Administrative Affairs  
ADDRESS: En 125

From
NAME: see below  
TITLE:  
TELEPHONE:

AGENCY:  
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SUBJECT:
Lyman Auditorium Name Change

Those of us who have signed below would like to give our support to the idea of changing the name of the John Lyman Auditorium to the John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts.

We feel that such a change would serve to improve the image of the facility as a respected performance space and, considering that there are now two auditoriums on campus (Pajeski and Lyman), it would avoid any possible confusion brought about by the use of the term "auditorium" for two unrelated facilities.

To allay any fears regarding the length of the new name, while the official title of the building will be the "John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts", it will be more often referred to as the "Lyman Center".

We hope that you will give consideration to our proposal.

Thank you.

Anthony Leto  
Faculty Advisor,  
Cultural Affairs Club

Dan Cashman  
Chairman,  
Theatre Department

Phyllis Grande  
Faculty Advisor,  
Dance Theatre

cc: File

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Hope Flanigan  
President,  
Cultural Affairs Club

Harmon Diers  
Chairman,  
Music Department
April 19, 1984

Martin J. Curry  
Executive Dean for Campus Affairs  
Southern Connecticut State Univ.  
501 Crescent Street  
New Haven, Conn. 06515

Dear Mr. Curry:

Thank you for your letter of April 3rd. I regret the delay in answering same, but I did want to check with each of my sisters on the proposed name change for the auditorium. They, as well as my mother, concur with your new designation quite enthusiastically. There is total agreement that the 'John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts' is more descriptive and states more clearly the purpose for which the facility is actually used.

In short, you have the support of the entire family in the proposed change. We all appreciate the consideration extended to us in seeking our opinion.

Sincerely,

John Lyman, Jr.
May 14, 1984

Dr. Frank Harrison  
President  
Southern Connecticut State University  
501 Crescent Street  
New Haven, CT 06515

Dear Dr. Harrison:

We have your letter of April 26, 1984 proposing a change of name from the John Lyman Auditorium to the John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts. We have no problems with the proposal and will take it to the Trustees in June. This action is based on the assumption that the change in name does not constitute a signal to develop new academic programs in the performing arts fields. Can I be assured that the campus shares this assumption?

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Porter  
Vice President for  
Academic and Student Affairs

cc: Dr. Frost  
Miss Bascetta
May 30, 1984

Dr. Thomas A. Porter
Vice President for
Academic and Student Affairs
The Connecticut State University
P.O. Box 2008
New Britain, Connecticut 06050

Dear Tom:

The assumption in your letter to me of May 14, 1984, regarding the requested name change for Lyman Auditorium is correct.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Frank Harrison
President

FH/nc
cc: M. Anisman
    R. Nowlan

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THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
TO: Dr. Frost  
FR: Dr. Thomas A. Porter  
RE: Name Change for Lyman Center for Performing Arts

May 3, 1984

There are two possible complications with the proposed name:

1. "Center" usually means a "center for the study of---"
2. The designation "performing arts" seems to give the facility to the fine arts programs and exclude others. The more neutral title, auditorium, does not do this.

However, despite the above, I don't see enough of a problem to tell the campus they can't make the change. If we approve it, we should get a commitment from Harrison and Nowlan that it is not a step toward a proposal of a music major for Southern.

T.A.P.