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April 27, 2026

Chancellor Charles L. Isbell, Jr.  
601 E. John Street  
Champaign, IL 61820

Dear Chancellor Isbell:

This letter is to inform you about the Joint Advisory Committee on Investment, Licensing, and Naming Rights (JACILNR) deliberations regarding:

1. The Grainger College of Engineering proposal to rename the Technology Entrepreneur Center to the Landuyt Center for Entrepreneurship, discussed March 27, 2026, 8 voting members in favor, no objections. NO RESERVATIONS

The goal of our March 27, 2026, meeting was to raise potential red flags on a naming proposal and to encourage additional investigation as needed. For our meeting, the materials were distributed thirteen days before the meeting via email.

1. We conducted our review of the proposed renaming of the Technology Entrepreneur Center to the Landuyt Center for Entrepreneurship, which will be funded with support from Richard and Gayle Landuyt. The proposal was presented by Alex Schmidt, Chief of Staff to Vice Chancellor for Advancement and Heather Vazquez, Interim Chief Advancement Officer in Grainger College of Engineering. Based on the proposal materials, the presentation, and the due diligence materials about Richard and Gayle Landuyt, the Committee expressed no reservations.

Voting Members of the JACILNR who attended the discussions included the following:

- John Caughlin, chair, Professor and Head, Department of Communication
- Shawn Gilmore, Teaching Assistant Professor, Department of English
- Jessica Harms, Professor, School of Social Work
- Raphael Ranola, Undergraduate Student, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics
- Etienne Sirois, Undergraduate Student, Department of Landscape Architecture
- Lesley Wexler, Professor, College of Law

Voting Members not in attendance:

- Pia Hunter, Access Librarian, Online Learning Consultant, and Teaching Associate Professor, Law Library
- Carlos Menendez, Graduate Student, Department of Business Administration

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- Brian Fulton, Director of Administration, Department of Business Administration

Ex-officio Members of the JACILNR with voting privileges who attended:

- Iowa Mwilambwe, Associate Vice Chancellor for Auxiliary, Health & Wellbeing, University Caucus of the Worker's Rights Consortium
- Maggie Wave, Assistant Dean for Advancement, Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Illinois Extension

Ex-officio Members of the JACILNR with voting privileges who did not attend:

- Marty Kaufman, Executive Senior Associate Director of Athletics, Revenue and Fan Experience, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics

Ex-officio Member of the JACILNR without voting privileges who attended:

- Kimberlee Kidwell, Associate Chancellor for Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



John P. Caughlin,

Chair of the Joint Advisory Committee on Investment, Licensing, and Naming Rights

Professor and Head, Department of Communication, LAS

cc: Shawn Gilmore, Senate Executive Committee Vice-Chair  
Angela Lyons, Senate Executive Committee Chair  
Dale Wright Vice Chancellor for Advancement

