

Date: December 11, 2018

To: SUNY New Paltz College Council

From: The Faculty of the Department of Theatre Arts

Subj: Hasbrouck Building Complex

On behalf of the Community of the Department of Theatre Arts, the faculty support the resolution of the Faculty Senate regarding the naming of the Hasbrouck Complex. We, the undersigned, urge the College Council to rename the buildings of the complex to aid in the creation of community, easing of racial and ethnic tensions, and the recontextualization of exclusionary histories found on this campus.

There are numerous reasons the undersigned in the department feel strongly about this issue. However, the most prevalent reason comes from the words taken directly from the Senate Resolution:

Whereas the Diversity & Inclusion Council undertook a year-long process to deliberate upon removing and replacing the names on the buildings in the Hasbrouck complex, and

Whereas this issue has been brought forward over decades by students, staff and faculty, and

Whereas President Donald Christian has endorsed the recommendations of the Diversity and Inclusion Council, and

Whereas, "After extensive research, data review, and conversations with students, faculty, staff, community members, representatives of Historic Huguenot Street, descendants of Huguenot families, and alumni, the SUNY New Paltz Diversity and Inclusion Council has determined that the Hasbrouck Complex buildings should be renamed," and

Whereas, "There was also consensus that SUNY New Paltz's mission as an educational institution places upon us a duty to give expression to previously marginalized histories, to approach history through a lens of critical inquiry, and to understand our past in all its rich diversity without simply replacing one history with another," and

Whereas the Diversity and Inclusion Council concluded that, "the current names have a deep impact on the lives of students who reside, eat, and create community in the Hasbrouck Complex buildings," and

Whereas the success of New Paltz students is of paramount importance to New Paltz faculty, Be it resolved that the SUNY New Paltz Faculty Senate, on behalf of the College Faculty of SUNY New Paltz, support the recommendation of the Diversity & Inclusion Council regarding the removal and replacement of the building names in the Hasbrouck Complex.

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