

## **Naming Subcommittee Report on Building Names for Folsom Campus**

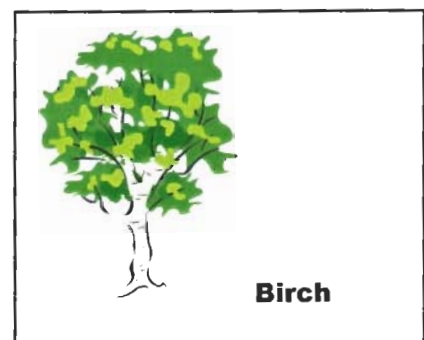
At the direction of the Budget and Facilities Committee, the naming subcommittee first met in September to discuss different name alternatives for buildings on the Folsom main campus. After discussion, the subcommittee set down several key criteria for choosing names:

- The names must be easy to pronounce, spell, and understand
- The names should be short and memorable
- It should be easy to abbreviate the names (when the names are listed in documents)
- The names cannot be potentially offensive or controversial
- The names should lend themselves to a series, because many Folsom buildings will need names over the next two decades
- The names should be distinctive and not duplicate existing names on other Los Rios colleges

The subcommittee discussed a variety of options and narrowed the choices down to 2 main alternatives: famous/well-known community residents, landmarks/historical points of interest well known in the community (provided by Melinda Peak) , native American tribes of the area, famous philosophers, scientists, artists, etc. from around the world (e.g. Van Gogh, Einstein), and native trees/plants (provided by Curt Coffman). All the merits and possible detriments of each option were discussed. The famous/well-known community residents option did receive considerable discussion, but was not accepted for several reasons, including:

- Some individual names are difficult to spell and pronounce
- Choosing some individual names over others would perhaps invite charges of favoritism
- Naming buildings after people can bring up potential future controversies, if the individuals are found to have had contentious personal lives
- Policy and regulations state that an individual's name cannot be used unless a substantial donation has been given to support the facility or the individual has been deceased for at least three years.
- Because FLC is a new college, the committee couldn't identify any individuals that contributed significantly to its development that they agreed should be recognized.
- The City of Folsom has already used many of these names to identify streets, parks, etc.

After discussion, the subcommittee decided unanimously to propose using names of trees and plants for Folsom-campus buildings. Trees and plants not only met the subcommittee's criteria, such names would also send a positive, non-controversial environmental message. It also followed the design conventions of the campus – one access representing the elements (stone) and the other our native environment (plants, trees, wetlands, environmental staircase). The subcommittee proposed the following potential names for buildings:



**1A – Aspen**

**New lecture hall – Birch Hall**

**1B – Cottonwood**

**1C – Dogwood**

**Cafeteria/bookstore – Falcon’s Nest/Lair or something similar** (student interest)

**PE fitness center – Madrone/Poplar**

**PE – practice gym (tabled)**

**PE – spectator gym (tabled)**

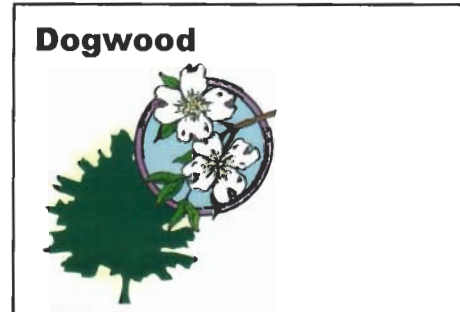
**PE – athletic fields (tabled)**

**2A – Sycamore**

**2B – Tanoak**

**2C – Willow**

**CDC – Baby Stars**



This proposal was forwarded to the college President, who asked that the subcommittee consider naming buildings after communities that the college serves.

The subcommittee discussed this suggestion; after that discussion, the subcommittee agreed the suggestion had too many negative concerns, such as:

- Choosing some community names over others would perhaps invite charges of favoritism
- The college’s service area could change, and the community names would no longer be appropriate

The subcommittee then unanimously reaffirmed its proposal for using native trees and plants. The subcommittee also recognized that Facilities Management – grounds personnel would need to be consulted on final tree selections.

Naming conventions for EDC buildings was not considered. The subcommittee requested to know the district’s position on naming buildings of Centers.