

**NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY  
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**



**RESOLUTION  
FOR  
RENAMING CORBETT BUILDING**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina A&T’s current basketball arena is officially named the Corbett Health, Physical Education and Recreation building, as indicated by the name on the building; and

**WHEREAS**, it is named for Ellis F. Corbett, a 1931 graduate of A&T, who served A&T for nearly 50 years. Affectionately known as "Mr. A&T", his official title was Sports Information Director. But he performed many other roles on campus including Dorm Counselor, member of the Board in Control of Intercollegiate Athletics, director of public relations, and executive secretary of the national alumni association; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation no longer exists at A&T; and

**WHEREAS**, there is considerable variation and inconsistency in how we identify the Corbett building on our campus. A cursory search of our website reveals usage of the following names for identifying the structure: Corbett Sports Center, Corbett Sports and Recreation Center, Corbett Gym, Corbett Sports Arena, Corbett Center, Corbett Intramural Center, and Corbett Sports Complex; and

**WHEREAS**, the name on the building and the sign in front of the building (“Corbett Sports Center”) are at variance; and

**WHEREAS**, “Corbett Sports Center” does not diminish the essential academic identity and use of the building while it more fully captures the athletics usage of the facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the most consistent name used in our literature, on our website, and in the media is “Corbett Sports Center”; and

**WHEREAS**, changing the building’s name to one that will be more consistently used is desirable; and

**WHEREAS**, the administration proposes changing the formal name of the building to the “Ellis F. Corbett Sports Center,” and proposes that the signage on the building be changed to the same name.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University approves changing the formal name of the building to the “Ellis F. Corbett Sports Center,” and approves the signage on the building being changed to the same name; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University approves that written and marketing materials generally will refer to it as the “Corbett Sports Center.”

This, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

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Timothy King, Board Chair

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Donna A. James, Secretary