

May 20, 2026

**ITEM 224-1006-R0526**

**Request for Authorization to Name the Space Comprising the Auxiliary Gyms Located in the Adams Center to the Steve and Shirley Nelson Training Center; University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

Consistent with the Board of Regents' authority to manage and control the Montana University System and the provisions of BOR Policy 1004.1, the Board authorizes the University of Montana to name the space comprising the auxiliary gyms located inside the Adams Center the Steve and Shirley Nelson Training Center.

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**EXPLANATION**

1. The training center will provide two full-size wood floor basketball courts. The space will be used by men's and women's basketball teams and the volleyball team for practice and training. One gym will be constructed as a backup competition facility for volleyball. The space will also be used by intramural sports and local basketball and volleyball clubs.
  2. The facility is currently two auxiliary gyms attached to the Adams Center. The space will receive maintenance related renovations below the threshold for Regents Authority.
  3. Steve '70 and Shirley Nelson, longtime Missoula residents and supporters of Grizzly Athletics, provided a \$1 million gift to support Grizzly Athletics. Steve is a member of the Grizzly Athletics National Advisory Board, is a former member of the College of Business Dean's Advisory Council and was honored by UM with a Distinguished Alumni Award in 2023. Together, Steve and Shirley were recognized by UM with the Community Service Award in 2022.
  4. As required by policy 1004.1, a public listening session will be held on May 6, 2026, in the Adams Center. Feedback from the listening session will be provided.
  5. UM now seeks Board of Regents approval for the naming, for the useful life of the facility, of the Steve and Shirley Nelson Training Center.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1: Public Comment