

Subject: Please Distribute to the Historical Legacy Subcommittee
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To: Historical Legacy Subcommittee
Alumnus and Former FSU Football Player
Subject: Renaming the Stadium

Dear Subcommittee Members,

I want to state that this committee has already voted down a recommendation to keep Doak Campbell's name on the stadium, which I vehemently agree was the correct decision. Therefore, respectfully only the inverse of this vote should be recommended, which is Dr. Campbell's name should be removed from the stadium.

To this end, given the evidence of Dr. Campbell's action or at minimum non-action for that matter on the important matter of integration in 1957 after the 1954 supreme court outlawed segregation, there's no justification for his name to be on FSU's football stadium, where 75 to 80% of black football players play and make money for the University. As a compromise, Dr. Campbell's name can be displayed elsewhere at the University, such as the President's office or another building. Therefore, his name does not have to be removed from the University, but just the stadium.

More importantly, regardless of any opinions at this time, the subcommittee has already agreed that the name should not remain on the stadium. Therefore, a formal recommendation of the removal of the name should be imminent before this committee adjourns. Recommending that Doak Campbell's name be removed from the stadium is consistent with all the other work of this subcommittee toward making the University more diverse and inclusive. This should not be given to another group to decide on this matter. However, it would be understandable for the sub-committee to allow another group to choose the actual name.

Sincerely,

Alumnus and Former FSU Football Player

I hope this email reaches you well. I would like to submit these clippings from several Florida newspapers from 1957 to the record regarding Doak Campbell's history upholding segregation past the 1954 Brown vs. Board ruling. Furthermore, I'd like if you can circulate this email with links to all of my fellow task force members ahead of Wednesday's meeting.

<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/60626853/doak-campbell-in-quandary-over-how-to/>

<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/55840236/better-version-same-story-re-campbell/>

<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/60624282/doak-campbell-in-a-quandary-about-how/>

<https://fsu.digital.flvc.org/islandora/search/john%20boardman?type=edismax&collection=fsu%3Ahpmain>