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The Committee to Establish Principles and Processes for the Reconsideration of Names, Statuary, Monuments and Traditions September 2020

Events in our country’s recent history from the Charlottesville riots to the Black Lives Matter movement and many others, and a renewed look at the experiences of minority peoples throughout a contemporary lens, have prompted many colleges and universities¹, often because of student advocacy, to re-examine their institutional history, building names, monuments, statues, and other honorific traditions.

The Committee to Establish Principles and Processes for the Reconsideration of Names, Statuary, Monuments and Traditions is charged to develop an abiding set of principles, and a process, to guide DePauw in making decisions addressing concerns brought to the university’s attention related to names, statuary, and monuments or other structure or space on campus or for any other honorifics or traditions not aligned with these principles. The principles and process should be rooted in our liberal arts tradition of critical inquiry and an opportunity to learn from our history. In the course of developing the principles, the committee shall review any previous work done at DePauw in this regard as well as other institutions and communities that have addressed similar issues and also developed principles and processes.

Establishing this committee is not an attempt to erase or revise our history and traditions—it is an opportunity for us to live up to our motto to be “the light and splendor of the common good;” to be an institution through our practice and our symbols that is mindful and respectful of our past and inclusive of and welcoming of all members of our community.

The Committee shall present its report to the President by December 15, 2020

¹ <https://president.yale.edu/advisory-groups/presidents-committees/committee-establish-principles-renaming-0>
<https://campusnames.stanford.edu/renaming-principles/>



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