

# Campus Named Spaces Review Committee – Mark Schuck Track Recommendation, June 30, 2023

## Request:

In May 2023, Athletic Director, Kevin Buisman, submitted a request to name the track located inside the existing Minnesota State University, Mankato outdoor track and field complex “Mark Schuck Track” in honor of longtime, and now retired Maverick track and field coach, Mark Schuck.

## Recommendation to name the outdoor track, “Mark Schuck Track”

### Summary:

The Campus Named Spaces Committee recommends that the track located inside the existing Minnesota State University, Mankato outdoor track and field complex be named “Mark Schuck Track” in honor of track and field coach, Mark Schuck. Naming the space in honor of Mark Schuck aligns with the current mission, vision, values and diversity and inclusion goals of Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Although Coach Schuck is not from an underrepresented community, the historical evidence suggests that he was an early advocate for international exchange and intercultural understanding both among his track athletes and within the university as a whole.

This name change would impact some Athletics and campus maps and electronic listings for the space (within Athletics, the EMS, and campus Planning & Construction).

Athletics Director Kevin Buisman has indicated that Athletics would be responsible for funding signage changes, which might include private fundraising if there are, in fact, additional expenses.

### Research Review:

All compiled research material, including a chart that documents the reasons for recognition, what was reviewed, who reviewed it, as well as any identified concerns, are available upon request.

Major concerns – An action(s) and/or statement(s) was identified that does not reflect current University values and the research questions posed indicate significant concerns. These are specifically addressed following the chart.

Name of Building or Landmark	Individual(s) Researched	University Affiliation	Reason for Recognition	Concerns
Outdoor Track	Mark Schuck	Alumni; longtime employee and coach	Service to university; MNSU	None at this time.

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