ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Building Naming

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Requested: Authorization to name the Computer Science and Engineering Building the Bob and Betty Beyster Building.
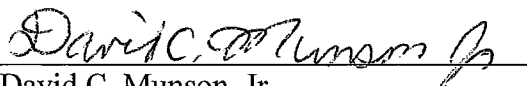
Background:

Dr. J. Robert Beyster (BS '45, MS '47, PhD '50) has been a long time, generous supporter of the University of Michigan. He has made gifts for graduate fellowships at the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; research projects in the College of Engineering; and development of employee ownership course materials and programs within the Center for Entrepreneurship in the College of Engineering. Recently he made a leadership gift of $15 million to the College of Engineering to support capital projects, research, and programmatic and academic priorities. Funds will be used in part to create the J. Robert Beyster Computational Innovation Graduate Fellows Program to support research in a variety of fields linking high-performance computing, networking, and storage to applications of societal importance. In recognition of Dr. Beyster's leadership and legacy in the area of entrepreneurship and broad-based employee ownership, funds will also be used to increase development and distribution of employee ownership and entrepreneurial culture case studies and curricular tools that communicate the methods, advantages and opportunities of employee ownership throughout the entrepreneurial educational programs.
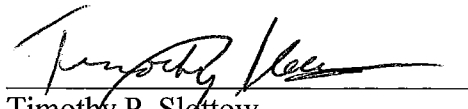
Dr. Beyster founded Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) and served as chairman of the board and chief executive officer. During his 35 year leadership SAIC grew to become the largest employee-owned research and engineering company in the United States. When Dr. Beyster retired as chairman in 2004, the company had grown to more than 43,000 employees.

In recognition of Dr. Beyster's dedication to the University of Michigan and his distinguished professional career in the field of information technology, we recommend that the Board of Regents formally designate the Computer Science and Engineering Building as the Bob and Betty Beyster Building.

Respectfully submitted,

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