## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Building Name Change

Action

Requested: Authorization to change name of Edward Henry Kraus Natural Science Building

**Proposed** 

Name: School of Kinesiology Building

## Background:

In September 2016, the Board of Regents approved the renovation and addition to the Edward Henry Kraus Building to become the School of Kinesiology's new home. Extensive renovations have been underway to bring all of the School of Kinesiology's faculty, students, staff and research together in the building, to be completed by the end of 2020.

The Kraus Building, constructed in 1915, was named in honor of Edward Henry Kraus, the sixth dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, serving from 1933-1945. The building previously housed the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Development Biology in LSA. With the relocation of both of these departments to the Biological Science Building, the Kraus Building no longer houses any LSA functions.

The U-M Naming Committee agrees that it would be appropriate to move the Kraus name to a location that will continue to honor Edward Henry Kraus' legacy as a pioneer dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. The College is considering a variety of different options for recognizing the Kraus name and legacy in coordination with members of the Kraus family.

With the move of the School of Kinesiology to the renovated building planned for winter term, <u>we recommend</u> that the Board of Regents approve changing the name of the Edward Henry Kraus Building to the School of Kinesiology Building, effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

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