THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION ACTION REQUEST

Subject:

Building Naming

Action

Requested:

Authorization to name the Bob and Betty Beyster Building Addition

Proposed

Name:

Leinweber Computer Science and Information Building

Background:

The Leinweber Foundation, founded by Larry Leinweber of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, has made a commitment of \$25 million to support the construction of the Bob and Betty Beyster Building Addition on North Campus. This gift will help bring the Computer Science and Engineering Division (CSE) of Michigan Engineering and the School of Information (UMSI) together under one roof at U-M for the first time, strengthening the collaboration between the two disciplines to create breakthrough technologies, conduct innovative research, and facilitate state of the art teaching opportunities.

Since 2010, the Leinweber family has supported students and programs at U-M, including in Michigan Engineering, the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (LSA), the Medical School, and the Stephen M. Ross School of Business. They created the Leinweber Software Scholars Program at Michigan Engineering, and in 2017, the foundation established the Leinweber Center for Theoretical Physics in LSA. The family and foundation's total giving commitment to U-M now amounts to more than \$37 million.

Larry Leinweber is founder and CEO of New World Systems Corp. in Troy, Michigan, a software company focused on large-scale applications for public sector entities. His wife, Claudia Babiarz, served as corporate counsel at New World Systems. They have two children, David (MBA 2014) and Ashley Leinweber (MBA 2018). David serves on the advisory board for CSE in Michigan Engineering, and his wife Jessica serves as executive director of the Leinweber Foundation. Larry's other three children, Eric, Danica, and Lezlee, also contribute to his work.

In recognition of the Leinwebers' exceptional generosity to U-M and this significant commitment, <u>we recommend</u> that the Board of Regents approve the naming of the Leinweber Computer Science and Information Building, effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

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