

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Naming of Engineering Facility and Addition

Action

Requested: Authorization to Name the Facility in Honor of Carl and Esther Gerstacker

Background:

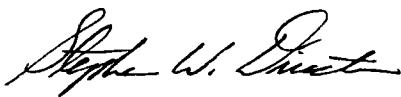
The College of Engineering has received a gift of \$5 million from the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation to partially fund the construction of a laboratory facility being built as an addition to the Institute of Science and Technology High Bay Building. In recognition of the significant, long-term relationship between the Gerstacker Foundation and the University of Michigan, we propose that the Institute of Science and Technology High Bay Building and its new wing be identified as one building and named in honor of Carl and Esther Gerstacker.

Carl Gerstacker earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering in 1938 from the University of Michigan, and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1993. During his 44-year career with the Dow Chemical Company, including sixteen years as chairman, he oversaw the company's growth from a regional entity into a multinational corporation. He was a recipient of the United States President's E Award; Society of the Chemical Industry Medal; The Order of the Rising Sun, Second Class from the Emperor of Japan; the Ohio Governor's Award; and the Silver Tower Award from the President of Korea. Mr. Gerstacker was presented an Outstanding Achievement Award from the University of Michigan in 1982 and was the first recipient of the College of Engineering Alumni Society Medal in 1992. A noted philanthropist, he had significant impact on the community of Midland, Michigan and throughout the state. Mr. Gerstacker died in 1995. Esther Gerstacker attended and received an honorary degree from Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio and was a driving force behind the creation of the Midland Area Community Foundation, in addition to numerous community development projects. She currently serves as vice president of the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation.

The building will be a focal point on Bonisteel Boulevard and it is especially appropriate that it bear the names of two individuals who have been instrumental in helping the College of Engineering achieve its current level of excellence. In recognition of this significant commitment, we recommend that the Regents formally designate the engineering facility and addition as the Carl and Esther Gerstacker Building.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON



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