

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Building Naming

Action Requested: Authorization to name the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Engineering Complex in honor of Heinz C. Prechter

Background:

The University of Michigan-Dearborn's General Campus Renovation Phase II Addition project has been completed. The project included a \$3,040,000 addition, now called the Engineering Complex, to the Professional Education Center. A substantial portion of the funding for the project was given to the University by and through the efforts of Heinz C. Prechter and family. In recognition of this commitment, the University of Michigan-Dearborn proposes to name the Engineering Complex the Heinz C. Prechter Engineering Complex.

For years, Heinz C. Prechter, and his wife, Waltraud, have provided substantial resources for the University of Michigan-Dearborn's College of Engineering and Computer Science. These resources have helped create a high-quality educational environment for its students, world-class research opportunities for faculty, and meaningful partnerships with industry.

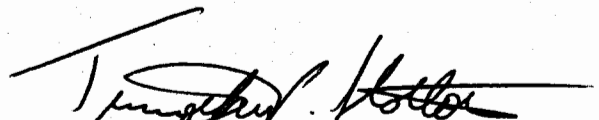
The University of Michigan-Dearborn has one of the finest engineering programs available, and it is due in part to the generous support of the Prechters. The Prechters have been supportive of the college's instructional and research agendas for a long time, including financial support for the Mechanical Engineering Systems Laboratory, Prechter fellowships with Aachen University in Germany, initial funding for the Institute for Advanced Vehicle Systems, and support of the Henry W. Patton Center for Engineering Education and Practice. Additionally, both Heinz and Waltraud have been instrumental in securing additional funding from other individuals and businesses. Heinz C. Prechter's vision of an engineering college engaged with industry and government has helped define and reinforce the strategic direction of the college.

In recognition of the significant support that Heinz C. and Waltraud Prechter and family have provided the University of Michigan-Dearborn's College of Engineering and Computer Science, we recommend that the Regents authorize naming the Engineering Complex the Heinz C. Prechter Engineering Complex.

Respectfully submitted,



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