

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the
Regents
December 18, 2014

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: North Campus Grove Naming

Action

Requested: Authorization to name the North Campus Grove in honor of Eda U. Gerstacker

Background:

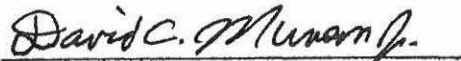
The Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation was founded by Mrs. Eda U. Gerstacker in 1957 in memory of her husband. The Gerstackers were the parents of Carl A. Gerstacker (BSE ChE '38, LLD Hon '93).

Carl began a career at Dow Chemical Company upon graduation from the University of Michigan, College of Engineering. In 1960, he became chairman of the board. Thirteen years later, BusinessWeek labeled him the senior statesman of the chemical industry. He retired in 1981. He received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the University of Michigan in 1982 and the first Alumni Society Medal from the College of Engineering in 1992.

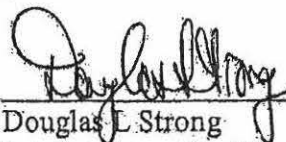
The Gerstacker Foundation has made many notable grants, concentrated in the states of Michigan and Ohio, in the areas of general community support; colleges, universities and research institutions; music and the arts; social services; youth activities; health care and research; and churches. At the University of Michigan the foundation has been a generous supporter, giving more than \$12 million to fund professorships and research facilities, including support for the Department of Biomedical Engineering. The foundation made a gift of \$1 million for the North Campus Grove project.

In recognition of the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation's support for the North Campus Grove project and its long-time commitment to the College of Engineering, we recommend that the Board of Regents formally designate the North Campus Grove as the Eda U. Gerstacker Grove, in compliance with the University's guidelines on namings.

Respectfully submitted,



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