

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the
Regents
February 20, 2014

SUBJECT: Museum of Anthropology
ACTION REQUESTED: Rename as the Museum of Anthropological Archaeology
EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2014

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts request approval to rename the Museum of Anthropology as the Museum of Anthropological Archaeology, effective March 1, 2014.

The Museum of Anthropology was founded in 1837 with the relocation of the University of Michigan to Ann Arbor and the creation of a "Cabinet of Natural History"- the University's first museum.

The primary reason for this action request is to align the name of the unit with research being done by museum faculty. The new name reaffirms the faculty's close ties with the Department of Anthropology while making it clear that the museum's primary mission is scientific archaeology. A second reason is to enhance the museum's ability to bring in outside funding. Over the years there have been donors interested in supporting exactly the kind of archaeology the museum does in North America, Mexico, Peru, Eastern Europe, and India. Because the museum's name did not include "archaeology," that funding was awarded to other institutions. A third reason is that the acronym UMMA is identical to that of the Museum of Art. As an example of the confusion that results from this, the University's Public Goods Council just created two divisions: UMMA appears in both and it is not clear which one refers to the Museum of Anthropology. The Regents' Bylaw 11.31 will be revised to reflect this change.

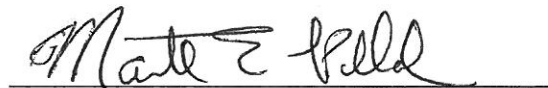
We strongly recommend approval of the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts that the Museum of Anthropology be renamed as the Museum of Anthropological Archaeology, effective March 1, 2014.

Recommended by:

Recommendation endorsed by:



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