

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION
REQUEST FOR ACTION

Subject: Courtyard Naming

Action

Requested: Authorization to name courtyard in North Quad

Proposed

Name: Henry Simmons Frieze Courtyard

Background:

Professor Henry Simmons Frieze came to the University of Michigan in 1854 as a professor of Latin language and literature. He was appointed as acting university president from 1869 until 1871, when James B. Angell took office. Women were first admitted to the university during Frieze's tenure. Frieze also served as acting president on two other occasions when Angell was involved in diplomatic assignments. During his second interim appointment, the university established schools of political science and mechanical engineering, as well as a professorship of music that eventually led to the formation of the U-M School of Music.

In 1956, the university purchased the Ann Arbor High School building and Carnegie Library at the corner of Huron and State Streets and named the complex the Henry Simmons Frieze Building in memory of the distinguished professor and administrator.

In 2007, the Frieze Building was demolished to erect the North Quad Residential and Academic Complex. The Carnegie Library edifice which stood next to that building was preserved during construction. Its classical design faces north on Huron Street, providing a visual connection to Professor Frieze's work as a scholar of Latin and classical studies.

Naming the North Quad courtyard in memory of Professor Frieze would be a fitting tribute in the historical location where Frieze's name was honored for more than fifty years. In that spirit, we recommend that the Board of Regents approve naming the courtyard in North Quad the Henry Simmons Frieze Courtyard, effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,



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