

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION
ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Athletic Department Head Coach and Director Namings

Action Request: Authorization to name the Head Wrestling Coach and the Director of Track & Field/Cross Country

Proposed Names: Ronald N. Weiser Head Wrestling Coach and Marc A. Weiser Director of Track and Field and Cross Country

Background:

Long-time supporter of the University of Michigan and Regent Emeritus Ron Weiser has made a \$6M gift to establish two endowed funds to support the director of the track and field and cross country teams and the head coach of the wrestling team.

Ron Weiser and his son Marc participated in Michigan athletics as students, Marc on track and field in the 1990s and Ron on the wrestling team in the 1960s. Endowments such as these serve as a vital financial foundation, allowing Michigan Athletics to enhance its capacity by funding additional necessary resources and initiatives.

A 1966 graduate of the Ross School of Business, Weiser's generosity spans nearly 50 years, supporting all three University of Michigan campuses. Just last year, the Weiser Charitable Foundation committed \$25 million to create the Weiser Family Center for Breast Cancer within the Rogel Cancer Center. He and his foundation also support: the Michigan Medical School; U-M Museum of Art; College of Literature, Science and the Arts; Ross School of Business; Ford School of Public Policy; Marsal Family School of Education; the Bentley Historical Library; Rackham Graduate School; University Musical Society and more.

In recognition of Ron Weiser's exceptional generosity to U-M and this significant commitment, we recommend that the Board of Regents approve the naming of the Ronald N. Weiser Head Wrestling Coach and the Marc A. Weiser Director of Track and Field and Cross Country, effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,



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