

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents
November 15, 2012

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Building Naming

Action

Requested: Authorization to name the addition to the Earl V. Moore Building in honor of William K. and Delores S. Brehm

Background:

William K. (BS '50) and Delores S. Brehm are exceptionally generous donors to the University of Michigan, providing more than \$60 million to support a range of projects and programs. They provided support for the eight-story, 230,000-square-foot addition to the Kellogg Eye Center and the founding of the Brehm Center for Diabetes Research & Analysis to be housed there. The addition was named Brehm Tower in recognition of their generosity to the Health System. They have also created two endowed professorships: the William K. and Delores S. Brehm Professorship in Type I Diabetes Research, and the Larry D. Soderquist Professorship in honor of Mrs. Brehm's brother. Additionally, they created the Brehm Scholars program for graduates of Fordson High School in Dearborn, Michigan (Mr. Brehm's alma mater). This program has so far supported 35 students with full-tuition scholarships and six Brehm Scholars graduates who have been admitted to the U-M Medical School.

The Brehms' most recent gift of \$8 million to the School of Music, Theatre & Dance is a catalyst and crucial contribution toward the project to renovate and expand the Earl V. Moore Building, which is the principal North Campus building for the school. The university has allocated \$14 million toward the \$23 million cost of the project, with the balance to come from additional fundraising.

The Brehms have a deep personal involvement in and appreciation for the performing arts, and Mr. Brehm is particularly fond of choral music, having composed choral works. After graduating with honors in mathematics, Mr. Brehm began his career in advanced engineering in the aerospace industry. He is co-founder and former executive chair of SRA International Inc., a technology and strategic consulting firm. He has served as board chair for CAS, a non-profit institution that conducts high-level research and analysis to inform the important work of public sector decision makers; and as board chair for Fuller Theological Seminary, where the Brehms have created the Brehm Center for Worship, Theology, & the Arts.

Mrs. Brehm graduated from Eastern Michigan University, where she concentrated in special education. She is an advocate and leading philanthropist in special education and has created a scholarship program at EMU.

In recognition of William and Delores Brehm's exceptional generosity to the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance, we recommend that the Board of Regents formally designate the addition to the Earl V. Moore Building as the Brehm Pavilion.

Respectfully submitted,



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