

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents  
March 15, 2012

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Building Naming

Action

Requested: Authorization to Rename Crisler Arena to Crisler Center

Background:

Built in 1967 as the University Events Building, the Board of Regents renamed the building in 1970 as Crisler Arena in honor of former coach and long-time athletic director Herbert "Fritz" Crisler.

Crisler Arena has served as the home court for the University of Michigan basketball teams and occasional campus events. The building is currently being expanded and renovated to include a new entrance, a club area, new indoor and outdoor meeting and entertainment spaces, and a large media center with a production studio. The project also includes expanded concourses, retail shops, new foodservice points of sale, and additional restrooms.

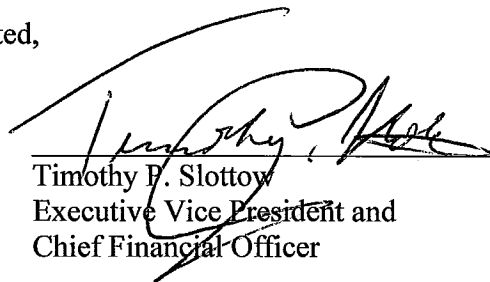
Adjacent to Crisler Arena, the recently completed William Davidson Player Development Center now provides practice courts for the men's and women's basketball teams, locker rooms, strength and conditioning space, athletic medicine space, and coaching and staff offices.

Because Crisler Arena is being expanded and converted to a more multi-purpose facility, and the arena portion is simply one facet of the building, to refer to it as an arena is no longer properly descriptive. In order to properly reflect its multi-purpose function, we recommend that the Board of Regents rename Crisler Arena as Crisler Center.

Respectfully submitted,



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