

## REGENTS COMMUNICATION

### REQUEST FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: Naming of a residence hall

ACTION: Approval to name the Dr. E. Royster Harper Hall

At the September 2022 meeting the Board of Regents approved the naming of a future residence hall in honor of Dr. E. Royster Harper. At the December 2022 meeting the Board of Regents approved proceeding with a new 2,300-bed residential facility, which will include a dining hall and five residential buildings on Central Campus.

In recognition of Dr. Harper's exemplary leadership to the University of Michigan, we recommend that Building Five of the new Central Campus residential facility, to be located at the intersection of Hoover Avenue and Division Street, be named in her honor.

Dr. Harper, vice president emerita for student life, served the University of Michigan for more than four decades, including 18 years as vice president for student life, before her retirement in December 2019. She is described by her peers as "a transformative institutional leader during a period of great change in higher education and in the student population."

She continually worked to improve the student experience through her advocacy and passion. She championed the whole student, and the ever-changing needs of students, through her support of broader mental health services, culturally inclusive dining options and gender-inclusive spaces, among so many other things. She truly set the standard for student life leaders in higher education.

We are delighted to recommend that Building Five of the new Central Campus residential development be named Dr. E. Royster Harper Hall in her honor (see attached for additional detail).

Respectfully submitted,

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and Chief Financial Officer

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Martino Harmon  
Vice President for  
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September 2023

Attachment

# PROPOSED SITE PLAN

