

Approved by the Regents
July 19, 2007

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize the Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies to be a Tenure Home

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2007


The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts requests approval to allow the Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies to recommend faculty for tenured appointments and to serve as a tenure home.

The Frankel Center was established by the Regents in January 1989. Now in its eighteenth year, the center has expanded dramatically. In 2001 a Master of Arts program was developed and in 2005 the Frankel Institute of Advanced Judaic Studies was inaugurated. Affiliates include faculty in the Law School and in the Departments of Near Eastern Studies, History, English, Anthropology, Political Science, Sociology, German, and Slavic, as well as faculty in programs across the College. They have become a world center for several subfields, including Second Temple Judaism, rabbinic literature, modern Jewish literatures, and American Jewish history and culture.

To strengthen the center's ability to fulfill its role as a curricular unit and as a center of interdisciplinarity, the Executive Committee approved the recommendation that the Frankel Center be appointed as a tenure home on March 13, 2007. We therefore ask that the Regents approve the Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies as a unit that can appoint tenured faculty and serve as a tenure home, effective July 1, 2007.

Recommended by:

Recommendation endorsed by:



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