

**Submitted by: Susan Burns, Vice President
Development and Alumni Affairs
President, Wayne State University Foundation**

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR THE NAMING OF THE
DEMARS FOOTBALL LOCKER ROOM**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the naming of the DeMars Football Locker Room annex.

Background

Gregory DeMars graduated from Wayne Law, magna cum laude. He was article editor for the *Wayne Law Review* 1980 – 1981, and he earned an M.P.A and a B.S. with high distinction from Wayne State University. He served as law clerk for Chief Justice G. Mennen Williams of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Mr. DeMars is a well-respected real estate attorney with a wealth of experience advising and representing individuals and business clients in various types of business workouts, foreclosures, joint venture arrangements, multifamily debt and equity financing, real estate transactions and real estate financing through mortgage and other secured and asset-based lending. DeMars is a partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP.

Phyllis DeMars graduated from the Wayne State University College of Education in 1978 and taught special education for many years. Mrs. DeMars is a long-time supporter of Wayne State University football.

Gregory J. and Phyllis A. DeMars have pledged \$75,000 to provide general support for the Department of Athletics at Wayne State University. In recognition of this commitment, the Department of Athletics is requesting approval to name the football locker room annex the DeMars Football Locker Room.