REQUEST FOR TRANSFER FROM THE
DENISE LEWIS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
(FUND FUNCTIONING AS AN ENDOWMENT)
TO THE DENISE LEWIS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP (REVISED)
(FUND FUNCTIONING AS AN ENDOWMENT)
IN THE LAW SCHOOL

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the transfer of $57,592.12 from the Denise Lewis Endowed Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) to the Denise Lewis Endowed Scholarship (Revised) (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) in the Law School.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Law School at Wayne State University.

Background

Denise J. Lewis is a graduate of the Detroit Public Schools. She earned a J.D., cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School, an M.A. from Wayne State University, and a B.A., cum laude, from Columbia University. A partner in the law firm Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, she is the firm’s Diversity Partner and serves on its Board of Directors. Ms. Lewis is the recipient of many prestigious awards, honors and recognition.

Ms. Lewis joined the Wayne State University Board of Governors in 1993. She served as vice chair in 1996 and as chair in 1997 and 1998. She currently serves as a member of the Wayne State University Foundation Board.

This scholarship fund was established by the president of the university in appreciation and recognition of all that Ms. Lewis accomplished on behalf of the university and its mission. She has since contributed generously to the fund to increase its impact on those in need and to further support the underserved in obtaining their academic aspirations and giving back to the communities in which they live and work.

The purpose of this revision is to honor Ms. Lewis’ request to designate the scholarship for Law School students.

Transfer Amount
066402-661L3W $57,592.12
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER FROM THE PRESIDENT’S ENHANCEMENT FUND
TO ESTABLISH THE RALPH AND BARBARA RAYS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
(FUND FUNCTIONING AS AN ENDOWMENT)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the transfer of $50,000 from the President’s Enhancement Fund to establish the Ralph and Barbara Rays Endowed Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment).

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Education.

Background

Barbara Rays was born on June 7, 1931 and passed away on November 11, 2016 at the age of 85. She earned a master’s degree in education from Wayne State University and worked as a teacher for the Detroit Public Schools for 14 years. During her life she stressed the importance of education to friends and family. Mrs. Rays also enjoyed the theatre. She volunteered as an usher at the university’s Hilberry Theatre for many years.

Ralph Rays was born on November 20, 1926 and passed away on May 18, 2015 at the age of 88. He earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the General Motors Institute and worked as an engineer for General Motors and Ford Motor Company. In accord with his wife, Mr. Rays believed education was the path to a better life. He also volunteered as an usher at the university’s Hilberry Theatre.

The fund will be established with a transfer of $50,000 of a $1,125,000 estate gift of Ralph and Barbara Rays currently held in the President’s Enhancement Fund. The president has approved this transfer.

Transfer Amount
From 222601-1208T $50,000
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER FROM THE PRESIDENT’S ENHANCEMENT FUND
TO ESTABLISH THE RALPH AND BARBARA RAYS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
(FUND FUNCTIONING AS AN ENDOWMENT)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the transfer of $50,000 from
the President’s Enhancement Fund establish to the Ralph and Barbara Rays Endowed
Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment).

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage
continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in
the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts.

Background

Barbara Rays was born on June 7, 1931 and passed away on November 11, 2016 at the
age of 85. She earned a master’s degree in education from Wayne State University and
worked as a teacher for the Detroit Public Schools for 14 years. During her life she
stressed the importance of education to friends and family. Mrs. Rays also enjoyed the
theatre. She volunteered as an usher at the university’s Hilberry Theatre for many years.

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accord with his wife, Mr. Rays believed education was the path to a better life. He also
volunteered as an usher at the university’s Hilberry Theatre.

The fund will be established with a transfer of $50,000 of a $1,125,000 estate gift of
Ralph and Barbara Rays currently held in the President’s Enhancement Fund. The
president has approved this transfer.

Transfer Amount
From 222601-1208T $50,000
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER FROM THE PRESIDENT’S ENHANCEMENT FUND TO ESTABLISH THE RALPH AND BARBARA RAYS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP (FUND FUNCTIONING AS AN ENDOIMENT)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the transfer of $1,025,000 from the President’s Enhancement Fund to establish the Ralph and Barbara Rays Endowed Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment).

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Med Direct Program managed by the Office of the Provost.

Background

Barbara Rays was born on June 7, 1931 and passed away on November 11, 2016 at the age of 85. She earned a master’s degree in education from Wayne State University and worked as a teacher for the Detroit Public Schools for 14 years. During her life she stressed the importance of education to friends and family. Mrs. Rays also enjoyed the theatre. She volunteered as an usher at the university’s Hilberry Theatre for many years.

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The fund will be established with a transfer of $1,025,000 of a $1,125,000 estate gift of Ralph and Barbara Rays currently held in the President’s Enhancement Fund. The president has approved this transfer.

Transfer Amount
From 222601-1208T $1,025,000
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER FROM THE DEAN’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
TO ESTABLISH THE JAMES WILLIAMS ENDOWED SUPPORT FUND
(FUND FUNCTIONING AS AN ENDOWMENT)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the transfer of $100,000 from
the College of Engineering Dean’s Discretionary Fund to establish the James Williams
Endowed Support Fund (Fund Functioning as an Endowment).

This fund is established to support the Department of Mechanical Engineering’s mission
to be a leader in education and research by producing future leaders for industry,
academia, government and society.

Background

The endowment is being established with an unrestricted bequest received on January
19, 2017 from the estate of James Williams, who earned a bachelor’s in mechanical
engineering from Wayne State University. Mr. Williams was born on May 13, 1946 and
passed away on September 23, 2010, leaving a generous gift of $103,443 to his alma
mater.

It is the intention of the dean of the College of Engineering to further the college’s
mission to deliver mastery of engineering principles, advanced knowledge of the latest
techniques in discipline, and the ability to innovate in a global economy by creating the
James Williams Endowed Support Fund for Mechanical Engineering.

The fund will be established with a transfer of $100,000 from the Dean’s Discretionary
Fund.

Transfer Amount
From 220261-1201M $100,000