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**Request to Increase the Charitable Gift Annuity
Board Approval Amount from \$200,000 to \$401,000**

Recommendation

The Administration requests that the Wayne State University Board of Governors authorize the president, or his designee, to increase the amount of a Charitable Gift Annuity board approval from \$200,000 to \$401,000.

A charitable gift annuity is a contract between a donor and the university under which the university guarantees to make defined annual payments for the lifetime of the donor in exchange for an upfront gift of cash. The university will invest these funds in the foundation endowment fund and, at the conclusion of the annuity contract, retain the remaining amount (if any) in the endowment for the purposes specified by the donor.

Board of Governors statute 2.72.01 establishes university Planned Giving Policy and Guidelines. Section 2.72.01.170 of this statute states that “The Board of Governors must approve all gifts that will or may require expenditure of university funds either now or at some future date, except for charitable gift annuities with a face value of \$200,000 or less.”

This request is being made by the Division of Development and Alumni Affairs as there has been an increase in the amount of the university’s Charitable Gift Annuities; and it is imperative that we are able to accept gifts without any board approval delay, that we are competitive with other local non-profits, and to encourage additional donors and cash gifts to increase the university’s endowment.