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MARK GAFFNEY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
(FUND FUNCTIONING AS AN ENDOWMENT)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Mark Gaffney Endowed Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) in recognition of his service to Wayne State University as a member of the Board of Governors from January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2024.

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

Background

Mark Gaffney has served on the Wayne State University Board of Governors since 2016. He also teaches at Wayne State's Master of Arts in Employment and Labor Relations program as an adjunct professor. He has extensive expertise in workforce issues and in labor relations that developed over a thirty-year career devoted to the labor movement.

A former member of the National Maritime Union (NMU), Seafarers International Union (SIU), and the Steelworkers (USW), Governor Gaffney began his career by working on Great Lake ships. He directed the Economic Alliance of Michigan for twelve years as a co-chair. Governor Gaffney also became the Chair of the Board of Human Resources Development, Inc. During that time, he served on the Executive Committee of the Michigan Council for Labor and Economic Growth. Governor Gaffney is a retired Teamster from Teamsters Local Union #214 and has served as the President of the Michigan AFL-CIO. He serves as a board member the Southeast Michigan Labor and Employment Relations Association and is currently appointed by Mayor Duggan to the Detroit Workforce Board.

Governor Gaffney holds a Bachelors Degree in Philosophy and a Masters Degree in Labor Relations. He is a lifelong resident of Michigan and is married to Trisha Stein, with three children.

This scholarship is created through a transfer of \$25,000 in unrestricted funds from the President's Enhancement Fund.

Endowment Amount

\$25,000