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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA BUILDING NAMING

Action Requested: Consider the University of Iowa's request to rename the Old Music Building "Stuit Hall."

Executive Summary: At its December 2008 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the budget and schematic design for the renovation of the Old Music Building. Upon completion of the project (summer of 2010), the facility will be utilized by the Department of Psychology.

The University now requests the building be renamed "Stuit Hall" in honor of Dewey B. Stuit. In her letter of recommendation, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Linda Maxson wrote:

"Dean (Dewey B.) Stuit, who headed the College (of Liberal Arts) from 1948 to 1977, held his faculty appointment in the Department of Psychology. Dean Stuit's research field, for which he had national recognition, was test development and personnel research. At the time he was appointed Dean of Liberal Arts, he was serving as director of the UI student counseling office and dean of student services. As Dean, he led the College into the era of the modern research university through his strong belief that research enriches teaching and service, and that teaching and service motivate research. He was among the educators who established the teacher-scholar as the model of faculty excellence.

During his lifetime, Dean Stuit's many benefactions to the institution included two Dewey B. and Velma P. Stuit Professorships in Psychology, the Velma P. Stuit Memorial Fund for the Fine Arts, and the Dewey B. Stuit Fund for Psychology.

The College (of Liberal Arts and Sciences) and the Department of Psychology are eager to honor the late Dean Emeritus Stuit by having this building named for him."

Dean Stuit, who died in January of 2008, left a substantial bequest to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and to the Department of Psychology, a portion of which is being used to augment state funding for the Old Music Building renovation project. This recognition follows all naming guidelines specified by the Board of Regents and the University.