



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Executive Action Summary

Committee Name-Attachment 1a

Committee Name Committee on Academic Affairs

Date June 12, 2026

Agenda Item: Naming Opportunity – Plant & Environmental Sciences Lobby

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Action

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby approves the naming of the lobby inside the Plant and Environmental Sciences Building the Kirk and Celeste Faber Lobby.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve naming the lobby inside the Plant and Environmental Sciences Building the Kirk and Celeste Faber Lobby.

Prior Action by BOT: Not applicable.

Responsible Officers: Kim Tobin, Vice President for University Advancement

Summary:

Michigan State University has received a \$11,000,000 commitment from Kirkwood Faber to the College of Natural Science and Athletics. \$3,000,000 of this commitment has been designated to support the Plant and Environmental Sciences Building. In recognition of the gift, it is proposed the Board of Trustees approve naming the lobby inside the Plant and Environmental Sciences Building the Kirk and Celeste Faber Lobby. The naming is recommended in alignment with BOT 612, *Buildings and Facilities – Naming*.

The construction on the Plant and Environmental Sciences Building (PESB), a \$200 million, 200,000-square-foot facility that will redefine the future of plant science and environmental research. Located at the corner of Farm Lane and Wilson Road, the building broke ground in fall 2024 and is designed to foster collaboration in addressing urgent global challenges, such as climate change, food security, and

sustainable agriculture. With state-of-the-art laboratories, advanced microscopy facilities, seed storage for biodiversity preservation, and a rooftop phytotron that enables experiments previously not possible, PESB will provide the infrastructure needed to accelerate discovery and train the next generation of scientists. By creating a hub for innovation and equipping researchers with world-class resources, PESB will strengthen MSU's ability to attract leading faculty, expand research funding, and elevate its global leadership in the plant and environmental sciences.

Background Information:

Kirkwood Faber is a 1969 graduate of the College of Natural Science. He studied Zoology and went on to graduate from University of Michigan Dental School in 1973. He has supported student scholarships, Athletics, and the College of Natural Sciences at Michigan State University.

Source of Funds: Philanthropic Gift

Resource Impact: Not applicable.



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
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Committee Name-Attachment 1b

Committee Name Committee on Academic Affairs

Date June 12, 2026

Agenda Item: Naming Opportunity – 195 Crescent Road

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Action

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby approves the naming of the facility at 195 Crescent Road the Rosenberg Center.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve naming the facility at 195 Crescent Road the Rosenberg Center.

Prior Action by BOT: Dec 12, 2025 Sale and Ground Lease of Property – 195 Crescent Road, East Lansing, MI

Responsible Officers: Kim Tobin, Vice President for University Advancement

Summary:

The MSU Research Foundation purchased the facility at 195 Crescent Road and has proposed naming the facility in honor of Dr. Barnett Rosenberg. The naming is recommended in alignment with BOT 612, *Buildings and Facilities – Naming*.

The Rosenberg Center will become the headquarters for the MSU Research Foundation and its subsidiary organizations Spartan Innovations, Red Cedar Ventures, Michigan Rise, Henry Ford Health/MSU Innovation Fund, and MSU Research Parks. It will also become the headquarters for MSU Technologies, the tech transfer arm of the university, and MSU Business Connect, which report to the MSU Innovation Center under the Vice President of Research and Innovation.

The facility will also host the additional tenants in partnership with the office of the Vice President of Research and Innovation.

Background Information:

Dr. Barnett Rosenberg was a scholar interested in many areas of science but is best known for his discovery of cisplatin, a platinum compound with anti-cancer properties.

Dr. Barnett Rosenberg was born in New York City in 1926. He received his bachelor's degree in physics from Brooklyn College in 1948. He then studied at the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1949. He received his master's degree in 1950 at New York University as well as his Ph.D. in 1955. In 1956, he began at Westinghouse Electric Corporation as a senior research physicist. He returned to New York University as a project director of a government contract from 1958 to 1961. Rosenberg came to Michigan State University in 1961 with Leroy Augenstein to found the Biophysics Department. Rosenberg stayed at MSU until he retired in 1997. His interest in other areas of research, not related to platinum, inspired him to found the Barros Research Institute in Holt, Michigan, in 1982. Dr. Barnett Rosenberg passed away on Aug. 8, 2009.

Source of Funds: MSU Research Foundation

Resource Impact: N/A