

Naming Opportunity
Kummer Institute
Missouri S&T

Pursuant to CRR 110.081, naming of academic units requires Board approval. The Missouri University of Science & Technology requests approval to name the June and Fred Kummer Institute for Student Success, Research and Economic Development in recognition of June and Fred Kummer's extraordinary gift of \$300 million to the Kummer Foundation, formed for the exclusive benefit of Missouri S&T. Money from the Foundation will be used to fund the Institute.

The June and Fred Kummer Institute for Student Success, Research and Economic Development will transform Missouri S&T and the south-central Missouri region by cultivating leadership and technological innovation; promoting an entrepreneurial mindset; fostering expansion of academic-industry partnerships to address emerging needs of industry; and creating jobs and economic growth for the region. The Institute will establish and operate four research centers to advance knowledge and application in areas critical to our state's and nation's future and in which the university has strong expertise: 1) advanced and resilient infrastructure, 2) resource sustainability, 3) advanced manufacturing, and 4) artificial intelligence and autonomous systems. The Institute and its centers will serve as the university's node for partnerships with industry, public and private research foundations, and governmental research agencies to stimulate business innovation, provide corporate R&D, and develop prototypes for new products.

June and Fred Kummer have been among Missouri S&T's most generous donors over the years. They provided the lead gift for the Kummer Student Design Center, which houses Missouri S&T's 19 student-run design teams. They also supported the expansion in the 1990s of Butler-Carlton Civil Engineering Hall and, in the early 2000s, of Toomey Hall, which houses S&T's mechanical and aerospace engineering programs. In recognition of June's passion for landscaping and gardening, the Kummers provided a gift to name the Fred and June Kummer Garden at Hasselmann Alumni House.

A native of New York City, Fred Kummer's interest in construction and hotel management began early. His father was an engineer with a New York hotel company, and Kummer developed his business savvy in the hotel basement, where he and a high school classmate ran a printing press to create menus for restaurants in other neighborhood hotels. He attended City College of New York before transferring to Missouri S&T. While in college at Rolla, he worked for a St. Louis architectural firm that had a project there. He met a colleague, June, an architect and graduate of Washington University in St. Louis. He left the university in 1952 to join the Army, married June while in the service and returned to Rolla in 1954 to complete his degree.

Fred Kummer is a past member of the Missouri S&T Board of Trustees and the University of Missouri Board of Curators. The Kummers are founding members of the Order of the Golden Shillelagh, an association composed of Missouri S&T's most loyal and generous

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donors. In 2011, Kummer was named to Missouri S&T's Alumni of Influence inaugural class in recognition of his business success and philanthropic contributions.

UM System President and MU Chancellor Choi and Chancellor Dehghani are in support of this naming.

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Recommended Action - Naming Opportunity, Kummer Institute, Missouri S&T

It was recommended by UM System President and MU Chancellor Mun Y. Choi and Missouri S&T Chancellor Mohammad Dehghani, moved by Curator _____ and seconded by Curator _____, that the following action be approved:

to name the June and Fred Kummer Institute for Student Success, Research and Economic Development in recognition of June and Fred Kummer's extraordinary contributions to Missouri S&T.

Roll call vote:

YES

NO

Curator Brncic
Curator Chatman
Curator Graham
Curator Hoberock
Curator Layman
Curator Snowden
Curator Steelman
Curator Wenneker
Curator Williams

The motion _____.