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To: University Senate
From: Rebecca Andridge, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs
Subject: Proposal to Change the Name of the Institute for Materials Research
Date: October 20, 2022

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE INSTITUTE FOR MATERIALS RESEARCH TO THE INSTITUTE FOR MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURING RESEARCH

Whereas Since its establishment in 2006, the Institute for Materials Research (IMR) has guided Ohio State's materials-allied research enterprise to be among the very best in the nation, winning the most prestigious and competitive awards, attracting top talent, and today is characterized by a large interdisciplinary community consisting of more than 268 faculty members from 34 departments and 10 colleges; and

Whereas through the Discovery Themes program, the Materials and Manufacturing Sustainability (M&MS) initiative helped IMR shift paradigm to focus on targeting global challenges and has led to IMR's Innovation Lab and the IIT Bombay-Ohio State Frontier Center; and

Whereas based on the success of M&MS and work with key manufacturing centers such as the Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence the Ohio Manufacturing Institute, the scope of IMR's work has expanded to converge with manufacturing, now enhanced with ongoing interactions with Intel, Honda and other strategic partners; and

Whereas in 2020, IMR leaders formed a manufacturing task force to create a visionary plan to coordinate the manufacturing-related research, development and educational activities across the University to help it become a national leader in advanced manufacturing that has led to the new NSF-funded Engineering Research Center in advanced manufacturing; and the membership of the External Advisory Board has been changed to reflect a stronger manufacturing component; and

Whereas the proposal has the support of the External Advisory Board, the Vice President of Research, and the Fisher College of Business; and

Whereas the proposal was reviewed and approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on October 5, 2022; and

Therefore be it resolved that the University Senate approve the proposal to change the name of the Institute for Materials Research to the Institute for Materials and Manufacturing Research.