Possible Uses of FWC Endowment

Purpose: The intent of the FWC endowment is to support activities of the FWC that enable its members to serve the University of Michigan.

Note here that there are two criteria for determining whether a proposed purpose is suitable for support from FWC Endowment funds:

i) Does it involve the active participation of FWC members?

ii) Does it benefit the University of Michigan?

For example, FWC receptions that greet new or visiting faculty and families or the activities of FWC interest sections such as gardening or the arts that directly benefit the University would qualify. On the other hand, purely philanthropic causes such as providing funds for scholarships would not qualify since they do not involve the active participation of FWC members.

Examples of FWC activities that fit the criteria:

1. To fund activities that help to engage international faculty visitors and their families into the life of the University (e.g., orientation workshops, social gatherings with FWC faculty families).

2. To fund both workshops and social functions aimed at better engaging new faculty and their families in the life of the University.

3. To conduct events that engage retired faculty and spouses in the life of the University.

4. To fund lectures by visiting scholars and others on topics of interest to the University community that relate to FWC interests (e.g., either of general interest such as community values or particular interest to FWC interest sections such as literature or the arts).

5. To enable FWC interest sections to interact with and assist more directly the various “Friends” groups associated with University museums, libraries, and performance groups.

6. To fund activities by FWC gardening sections to develop and maintain selected garden areas on the campus.

7. To assist the FWC in building volunteer groups to assist in meeting child-care needs of students, faculty, and staff.

8. To fund activities by the members to landscape and renovate the playground areas of University child-care centers and schools such as Pound House.