



**FRAMINGHAM
STATE
UNIVERSITY**

September 24, 2025

Deputy Commissioner Matt Cole
Department of Higher Education
One Ashburton Place
Room 1401
Boston, MA 02108

Deputy Commissioner Cole,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Framingham State University, and in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, section 9(m), I ask your consideration of this request to name the existing building currently named Hemenway Laboratories located at 100 State Street in Framingham, Massachusetts to the **Professor Thomas and Joan Eames Laboratories**. The Framingham State University Board of Trustees reviewed this proposal and unanimously approved the naming at their September 17, 2025 meeting for the Board of Higher Education's review.

Thomas and Joan Eames have made a gift of \$2,021,941.00 to the Framingham State University Foundation, Inc., for the purpose of establishing a permanent endowed fund to support the University's College of STEM. Tom is a Professor Emeritus of Chemistry and Food Science, and he served as a distinguished faculty member in the department from 1972-2000. During his tenure he was active in faculty governance and served as the faculty advisor to the Student Government Association for many years. The naming of the building in their honor, celebrates not only their transformative gift, but also Tom's service to the University.

I welcome a conversation with you and the Board regarding this request and appreciate your attention and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy S. Niemi".

Nancy S. Niemi
President

cc: Dena Papanikolaou
Trustee Anthony E. Hubbard
Vice President Eric Gustafson