THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents
January 18, 2007

Subject:

Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Roger F. Verhey, Ph.D., professor of mathematics in the College of Arts, Sciences and Letters and professor of education in the School of Education, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2006.

Professor Verhey received his A.B. degree from Calvin College in 1960, and his A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1961 and 1966, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as a lecturer in mathematics 1965, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1966, associate professor in 1968, and professor in 1972. He was appointed professor of education in 1987.

From 1969-70, Professor Verhey was a Fulbright Lecturer in mathematics in Ceylon (Sri Lanka). He served as chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics from 1971-77, and was program director of the Computer and Information Science Program in the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies from 1983-87. Professor Verhey also served as chair of the Dearborn Graduate Board and was a member of the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies Executive Board from 1990-99.

In 1985, Professor Verhey began a transition from mathematics to mathematics education. In this role, he taught a generation of students pursuing careers in elementary and secondary education and produced numerous publications and presentations on mathematics education. In 2001 Professor Verhey became the founding director of the Center for Mathematics Education within the College of Arts, Sciences and Letters. He was active in the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM), which he served as president in 2002. In 2000, he received the MCTM Service Award, and in 2004 he was honored with the MCTM Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics Education. Professor Verhey has had a significant and lasting impact on mathematics education in the state of Michigan.

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator for his dedicated service by naming Roger F. Verhey professor emeritus of mathematics and professor emeritus of education.

Requested by:

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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