

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

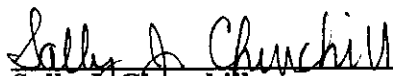
Karen L. Wolff, Ph.D., professor of music and former dean of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2006.

Professor Wolff received her B.M.E. degree from Morningside College, Iowa, in 1963 and M.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1976 and 1979, respectively. From 1978-87, she was a faculty member at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music, and from 1987-91, she served as director of the School of Music at the University of Minnesota. In 1991 she became dean and professor of music at the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music. She joined the University of Michigan faculty in August 2000 as professor of music, with tenure, the Paul Boylan Collegiate Professor of Music, and dean of the School of Music (now the School of Music, Theatre & Dance).

Having established a widely acknowledged national presence in the music world, and having served as a leader of major programs and schools of music, Professor Wolff brought a wide range of experience and knowledge to her position as dean. Using her exemplary administrative skills, she led the school through a critical stage of development and transition while maintaining a high level of national prominence, thus enabling the school to continue to attract the most talented and committed faculty and students. Nationally, Professor Wolff dedicated numerous years of extraordinary service to the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) and served as a national officer of NASM committees and commissions. She has also served on the boards of the Ohio Chamber Orchestra, the Minnesota Orchestra, the Minnesota Opera, the Minnesota Composers Forum, and the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies. The School of Music, Theatre & Dance is deeply indebted to Professor Wolff for the distinctive leadership she provided as dean.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Karen L. Wolff professor emerita of music and dean emerita.**

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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