

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death

Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **W. Shaun Jackson, B.S.**, professor of art and design in the Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design, professor of architecture in the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, and professor of operations and management science in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business. Professor Jackson died on January 15, 2013 at the age of 63.

Professor Jackson received his B.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1972. After holding several adjunct teaching appointments, he joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor of art in 1996 and was promoted to professor of art and design in 2008. He received additional appointments from the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning in 2006 and the Stephen M. Ross School of Business in 2008.

An inspiring and accomplished teacher, Professor Jackson instilled a love of design, a drive for design excellence, and an appreciation of cross-disciplinary learning in his students and colleagues. Professor Jackson, in collaboration with Professor William Lovejoy, received the 2009 Provost's Teaching Innovation Prize for their Integrated Product Development course. This experiential, cross-disciplinary learning course connected and engaged students from the architecture, art and design, business, and engineering programs to develop fully functional, customer-ready products and subject them to assessment by voters in simulated markets. This is the only course in the country to juxtapose these requirements, and it has been repeatedly identified by *Business Week* magazine as one of the top design courses in the world. A gifted designer, inventor, and entrepreneur, he founded three successful business ventures including Eclipse Inc., Higher Ground Inc., and Shaun Jackson Design. His designs have been featured in numerous publications including *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and *The Washington Post*. Professor Jackson's positive energy, generosity, high standards, and his challenge to live every day to the fullest will continue to inspire his many students, colleagues, and friends.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we also extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Cathy, his children Rachel, Ryan, Sydney, and Taylor, and his many loving relatives and friends.

Requested by:


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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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