

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents

May 14, 2009

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Walter J. Weber Jr., Ph.D., Gordon Maskew Fair and Earnest Boyce Distinguished University Professor of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, professor of civil and environmental engineering, and professor of chemical engineering in the College of Engineering, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2009.

Professor Weber received his Sc.B. degree from Brown University in 1956, his M.S.E. degree from Rutgers University in 1959, and his A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University in 1961 and 1962, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan as an assistant professor in 1963, and was promoted to associate professor in 1965 and professor in 1968. In 1987 he was named the Earnest Boyce Professor of Civil Engineering, and in 1994 he was appointed the Gordon Maskew Fair and Earnest Boyce Distinguished University Professor of Environmental Sciences and Engineering.

Professor Weber is recognized internationally as a leader in the field of environmental process dynamics and system sustainability, and is one of the most distinguished environmental engineers in this field. More than 75 engineers and scientists have completed Ph.D. work under his tutelage and mentorship, and many of his protégés are themselves recognized internationally as leaders in the field of environmental sciences and engineering. He was the founding director of the College of Engineering Academic Program of Concentrations in Environmental Sustainability ("ConsEnSus"). Professor Weber has received numerous awards, including the American Chemical Society's F.J. Zimmerman Award (1982), election to the National Academy of Engineering (1985), and the National Water Research Institute's Athalie Richardson Irvine Clarke Prize (1996). His generous financial contributions include his endowment of the Walter J. Weber Jr. Distinguished Lecture in Environmental Science and Engineering, and of the Walter J. Weber Jr. Faculty Chair in Energy, Environment and Earth Systems Engineering in the College of Engineering.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Walter J. Weber Jr.** the **Gordon M. Fair and Earnest Boyce Distinguished University Professor of Environmental and Ecological Sciences and Engineering**, professor emeritus of civil and environmental engineering, and professor emeritus of chemical engineering.

Requested by:



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