## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

## **ACTION REQUEST**

Subject:

Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested:

**Adoption of Retirement Memoir** 

**Yvonne Abdoo, Ph.D.,** assistant professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2012.

Professor Abdoo received her B.S.N. degree from Mercy College of Detroit in 1970, her M.S.N. degree from Wayne State University in 1972, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1987. After holding a number of faculty positions at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University between 1974 and 1988, she joined the School of Nursing faculty as an assistant professor in 1988. She has served as the lead faculty for the Second Career and RN to Master's Programs since September 2011.

Professor Abdoo's scholarly work focused on systems research, including the delivery of high quality, efficient, and cost-effective health services, nurse staffing and scheduling, information technology, and the evaluation and implementation of new technologies relevant to nursing and the health care delivery sector. The underlying theme in her research is bridging technology with the end user and developing accurate, robust, user-friendly, and technologically advanced information systems that enhance patient safety and unite clinical practice, research, and management. Professor Abdoo has published and consulted on systems and database design, bar coding and other data input technologies in clinical practice, and data input technologies in research.

A consummate teacher and mentor, Professor Abdoo taught graduate courses in quality and operations management, undergraduate leadership and management, and information technology concepts at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. She has been actively involved in utilizing technology for distance learning, is an advocate for implementing technology that benefits its users, and has strived to incorporate the latest technology in her instruction.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming **Yvonne Abdoo assistant professor emerita of nursing.** 

Requested by:

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