THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Reg Arthur Williams, Ph.D., professor of nursing in the School of Nursing and professor of psychiatry in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2012.

Professor Williams received his B.S. degree from the University of Utah in 1968 and his M.N. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Washington in 1972 and 1980, respectively. From 1973-77, he taught in the Psychosocial Nursing Department at the University of Washington. Professor Williams joined the University of Michigan School of Nursing faculty as an associate professor in 1980, and was promoted to professor in 2001. He received an additional appointment as professor of psychiatry in 2003.

Throughout his career, Professor Williams has been deeply committed to the school's research and teaching mission. A master teacher, he has taught numerous courses in research and data analysis and has mentored a large number of graduate students. He has served in several administrative roles, and was the interim associate dean for research during 2002. Professor Williams' scholarly career has focused on interventions to reduce stress and symptoms of depression. He was the principal investigator for five research grants funded by the U.S. Department of Defense and the TriService Nursing Research Program, the goals of which were to develop an intervention to assist military members in managing stressful conditions. In 1981, in recognition of his expertise and commitment to the nursing profession, Professor Williams was inducted as a fellow into the American Academy of Nursing, one of the most prestigious honors in the field of nursing.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for his dedicated service by naming Reg Arthur Williams professor emeritus of nursing and professor emeritus of psychiatry.

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