

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

James A. McNamara, Jr., D.D.S, Ph.D., Drs. Thomas M. and Doris Graber Endowed Professor of Dentistry and professor of dentistry in the School of Dentistry, professor of cell and developmental biology in the Medical School, and research professor in the Center for Human Growth and Development, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2014.

Professor McNamara received his A.B. (1964) degree from the University of California, Berkeley, his B.S. (1968) and D.D.S. (1968) degrees from the University of California, San Francisco, and his M.S. (1969) and Ph.D. (1972) degrees from the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1972, and was promoted to associate professor in 1977, and professor in 1982. He also held appointments in the Center for Human Growth and Development and the School of Dentistry. Professor McNamara was named the Drs. Thomas M. and Doris Graber Endowed Professor of Dentistry in 1998.

Professor McNamara's experimental and clinical research focused on orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics. He authored a series of important scholarly papers on the electromyography, cephalometrics, and histological analysis of craniofacial adaptations in rhesus monkeys to orthopedic techniques used in orthodontics. More recently, Professor McNamara's focus shifted to prospective and retrospective investigations of widely used clinical orthodontic and orthopedic techniques. He has been the curator of the University of Michigan Elementary and Secondary School Growth Study since 1986. Professor McNamara has authored, co-authored, and edited a number of notable books, book chapters, and monographs. He was actively involved in several professional societies and was a frequent invited lecturer at national and international symposia. A gifted teacher and dedicated mentor, Professor McNamara served as a member, chair, or co-chair of numerous graduate thesis committees. He was the recipient of many honors including the American Board of Orthodontics' Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award in 2008.

The Regents now salute this distinguished health science educator for his dedicated service by naming **James A. McNamara, Jr. professor emeritus of dentistry, professor emeritus of cell and developmental biology, and research professor emeritus.**

Requested by:



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