

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

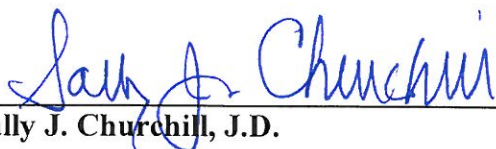
Robert W. Stach, Ph.D., professor of chemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2012.

Professor Stach received his B.S. degree from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1967 and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1972. Following a post-doctoral fellowship at Stanford University from 1972-74, he served on the faculty of the State University of New York, Upstate Medical University in Syracuse from 1974-87. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as professor of chemistry and director of research in 1987.

As director of research, Professor Stach oversaw the growth of external funding from an average of \$30,000 per year to more than \$1.5 million per year. In 1993, he co-founded the Meeting of Minds Undergraduate Conference, a collaborative effort among the University of Michigan-Flint, University of Michigan-Dearborn, and Oakland University which provides a forum for the publication and dissemination of undergraduate student research. Between 1994 and 2012, Professor Stack served a total of 14 years as chair of the Department of Chemistry. During that time, the department grew from 40 majors to more than 100 majors, the biochemistry option was certified by the American Chemical Society and later changed to a full B.S. degree in biochemistry, and the B.S. and M.S. degrees in chemistry and biochemistry were created. From 2001-02, he served as a key senior advisor to the chancellor. Professor Stach believed in the importance of educating students to become outstanding thinkers and problem-solvers, and he has been a strong advocate for academic freedom and faculty governance.

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator for his dedicated service by naming **Robert W. Stach professor emeritus of chemistry**.

Requested by:



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