

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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July 17, 2014**

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Beverly D. Ulrich, Ph.D., professor of kinesiology in the School of Kinesiology, professor of neurosurgery in the Medical School, and research professor in the Center for Human Growth and Development, will retire from active faculty status on July 31, 2014.

Professor Ulrich received her B.S. degree from East Stroudsburg University in 1973, her M.Ed. degree from West Chester University in 1977, and her Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University in 1984. She served on the faculty of Indian University from 1987-99. Professor Ulrich joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor and dean of the School of Kinesiology (formerly director of the Division of Kinesiology) in 1999, and held additional appointments in the Medical School and the Center for Human Growth and Development.

Professor Ulrich played an instrumental leadership role in the development of the School of Kinesiology's teaching and research missions during her service as dean from 1999-2008. She spearheaded revisions to the graduate and undergraduate programs, increased student enrollment and competitiveness, improved faculty recruitment efforts, renovated and expanded the facilities, and cultivated major donors. According to the National Academy of Kinesiology, the School's doctoral program ranking improved from 18th to 5th in the nation due to these innovative initiatives. Professor Ulrich is a leader in the fields of dynamic systems theory and developmental neuromotor control with special expertise in pediatric Down syndrome and myelomeningocele. She has a notable history of successfully securing research funding, published numerous articles in the leading scholarly journals, and was a frequent invited lecturer at national and international symposia.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, researcher, and administrator for her dedicated service by naming **Beverly D. Ulrich professor emerita of kinesiology, professor emerita of neurosurgery, and research professor emerita.**

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