

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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## ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**R. Dale Lefever, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of family medicine, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2007.

Professor Lefever received his B.A. degree from Wheaton College in 1965, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Michigan State University in 1967 and 1972, respectively. From 1972-75, he was the assistant director of the Office of Medical Education, Research, and Development at Michigan State University, and from 1975-78, he was associate director of faculty development for the Association of American Medical Colleges in Washington, D.C. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1978 as assistant professor of family medicine.

As one of the founding faculty members in the newly-created Department of Family Medicine, Professor Lefever's major responsibility was as director of educational development. His responsibilities were later expanded when he was appointed assistant chair for planning and program development in 1995. In this role, Professor Lefever filled a wide range of critical strategic planning, program development, business development, and faculty mentor roles, including most importantly, the role of counselor to both the founding and current department chairs.

Professor Lefever has served the Department of Family Medicine and the University in a loyal, vigorous, and productive fashion during his entire career. The extraordinary success of the Department of Family Medicine, recognized as an academic and clinical leader both regionally and nationally, can be attributed to a considerable degree to Professor Lefever's wisdom, leadership, and loyalty. Few would argue that any faculty member has made more important contributions to the success of the Department of Family Medicine than Professor Lefever. His wisdom, guidance, leadership experience, and educational expertise were critical to the department's growth, to its having successfully weathered many troubles and crises, and to its subsequent flourishing as a leading, highly-ranked, academic department.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member and scholar for his dedicated service by naming **R. Dale Lefever assistant professor emeritus of family medicine**.

**Requested by:**



Sally J. Churchill  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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