

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Joseph D. Dennison, D.D.S., M.S., professor of dentistry, School of Dentistry, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2008.

Dr. Dennison received his D.D.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1962, and earned two M.S. degrees from the University of Michigan, in 1970 and 1995. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1971, and was promoted to associate professor in 1974 and professor in 1979.

Dr. Dennison has been a dedicated teacher with high standards. He served as chair of operative dentistry from 1986-87, and was interim chair of the Cariology, Restorative Sciences and Endodontics Department from 1987-92. He is known for his ability to motivate students and faculty members towards superior performance, and for promoting a strong culture of cooperative learning within his department.

Dr. Dennison has received a wide range of grants from the National Institutes of Health and from corporate clinical research contracts. He was the second person in dentistry to receive a clinical research grant from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research within the NIH at a time when this focus had not yet become a priority for action. He constantly championed clinical research in dentistry and was responsible for many of the procedures and evidence which exists regarding restorative dental materials. He has published 15 book chapters, 75 peer-reviewed papers, and 137 research abstracts, and has participated in more than 300 scientific and continuing education presentations. From 2001-2005, Dr. Dennison held the School of Dentistry's Marcus L. Ward Professorship, and in 2006, he received the Floyd Peyton Award for Clinical Research from the American Association of Dental Research.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Joseph D. Dennison professor emeritus of dentistry**.

Requested by:



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