

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Melanie G. Urbanchek, Ph.D., research associate professor, surgery in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on September 14, 2016.

Professor Urbanchek received her B.S. (1966) degree from Ohio University, her M.S. (1976) degree from California State University, Fullerton, and her Ph.D. (1986) degree from University of Southern California. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a research associate in 1992, and was promoted to research investigator in 1996, research assistant professor in 2008, and research associate professor in 2014.

As an exceptional researcher and educator, Professor Urbanchek studied muscle and nerve physiology relative to medicine. Her most recent research endeavors focused on the development of a living peripheral nerve interface, peripheral nerve repair, skeletal muscle reinnervation, and myocyte implantation. Professor Urbanchek has been either the principal investigator or the co-principal investigator on research grants totaling over \$16 million. Her extensive record of publications includes fifty peer-reviewed journal articles, eighty abstracts, and six patents. She was involved in a number of professional associations, including the *American Society for Peripheral Nerve*, the *American Society of Plastic Surgeons*, the *Council on Undergraduate Research*, and the *Plastic Surgery Research Council*. A superb teacher and dedicated mentor, Dr. Urbanchek has played an instrumental role in the training and development of a generation of undergraduate students, graduate students, residents, and research fellows, many of whom have gone on to successful academic, clinical, and research careers.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar for her dedicated service by naming **Melanie G. Urbanchek, research associate professor emerita, surgery**.

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