

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Cecil G. Miskel, Ed.D.**, professor of education in the School of Education, retired from active faculty status on January 31, 2006.

Professor Miskel received his B.S. degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1963 and his M.S. and Ed.D. degrees from Oklahoma State University in 1967 and 1970, respectively. From 1970-82, he served on the faculty of the University of Kansas, where he rose from assistant professor to associate professor (1973) to professor (1978) and served as associate dean for research (1976-78) and associate vice chancellor for research (1978-82). He joined the University of Utah in 1982, serving as professor and chair of the Department of Educational Administration (1982-83) and dean of the Graduate School of Education (1983-88). Professor Miskel joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1988 as a professor and as dean of the School of Education.

During his ten years as dean, Professor Miskel led the School of Education to a position of national leadership by recruiting leading faculty, building new strengths in research, and creating two innovative and nationally recognized master's programs designed to attract top students to the education field. Under his leadership, the school's use of instructional technology was dramatically updated with the creation of the Prechter Laboratory for Interactive Technology in 1994 and the design of special multimedia classrooms in 1995 and 1997. During this period, ground-breaking research was launched in areas such as early literacy, mathematics teacher education, assessment of student learning and of teaching, and education policy.

Professor Miskel is an expert in school organization and administration and in education policy analysis. His research and scholarship investigated state and national policy issues related to instruction in reading; for this work, he received the William Davis Memorial Award in 1980 and 1983. He served as editor of the *Educational Administration Quarterly* for the 1987 and 1988 volumes and served two terms as a member of its editorial board. He also co-authored six editions of *Education Administration: Theory, Research, and Practice*, one of the leading textbooks in the field of school administration.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, scholar and administrator by naming **Cecil G. Miskel professor emeritus of education** and **dean emeritus**.

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill**  
**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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