

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents

March 20, 2008

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Richard A. Gull, Ph.D., professor of philosophy in the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2007.

Professor Gull received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Iowa in 1961, 1964, and 1968, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as a lecturer in 1965, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1968, associate professor in 1972, and professor in 1997.

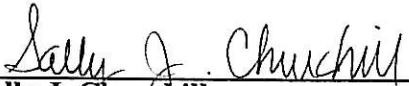
Professor Gull was an invaluable member of the Philosophy Department and College of Arts and Sciences, having served twice as chair of the Philosophy Department (1968-77 and 1994-98) and on many committees. He represented the Flint campus on several University-wide committees, most recently serving on the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA) from 2003-06. He was vice chair of Senate Assembly from 2005-06 and served on the assembly's General Counsel Advisory Committee and the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee.

In recognition of his commitment to faculty governance, Professor Gull received the Jackie Lawson Memorial Faculty Governance Award in 2004.

Within the Philosophy Department, Professor Gull taught several very popular courses, including Philosophy of Literature, Philosophy of Film, and the History and Philosophy of Science. His teaching and research interests came together in his studies of the philosophy of film and the philosophy of work. He presented the results of his research twice at the North American Sartre Society, and also at the Conference on Professional Ethics at the University of Dayton (2001) and the Society for the Philosophical Study of Visual Arts of the American Philosophy Association (APA) (1995 and 2001). He presented papers on Sartre at the APA in 1998, and on *Taxi Driver* at the Conference on Ethics and Popular Culture at the University of South Florida Ethics Center in 2003. His research and publications on film and the emotions were well received in the philosophical community.

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator for his dedicated service by naming **Richard A. Gull professor emeritus of philosophy.**

Requested by:



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