

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Thomas E. Snabb, Ph.D., associate professor of mathematics and statistics, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, will retire from active faculty status on April 30, 2016.

Professor Snabb received his B.S. (1968), M.A. (1970), and Ph.D. (1976) degrees from Wayne State University. He joined University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an instructor in 1976, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1977, and associate professor in 1982.

Professor Snabb is a leader in the field of applied statistics, with special expertise in engineering and quality control applications. He taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses, designed innovative new curricula, and played an instrumental role in the development of the undergraduate degree program in applied statistics. Professor Snabb authored and co-authored a number of training manuals and workbooks, including *Statistical Methods Workshop VI: Taguchi Methods* (1986), *Statistical Methods Workshop VII: Advanced Taguchi Methods* (1988), *ANOVA-TM* (1991), *Basic Engineering Statistics* (1994-95), and *T.A.P.S.: Total Approach to Problem Solving* (1999-2000). He served as a consultant for the American Supplier Institute, Eaton Corporation, Johnson Controls, and Teleflex Corporation. Professor Snabb developed numerous informative training modules for Johnson Controls on a variety of topics, including advanced ANOVA, basic experimental design, basic probability, logistic regression, robust engineering, and time series analysis. He was actively involved in the UM-Dearborn community, generously shared his time with numerous committees, and served as director of the Master of Science Degree in Applied and Computational Mathematics program from 2011-15.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Thomas E. Snabb, associate professor emeritus of mathematics and statistics.**

Requested by:



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