

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents

June 19, 2008

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

James S. Reece, D.B.A., professor of accounting and operations management in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2007.


Professor Reece received his A.B. degree from Yale University in 1964, and his M.B.A. and D.B.A. degrees from Harvard University in 1968 and 1970, respectively. After serving for five years on the faculty of Harvard University, he joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1975. He was promoted to professor in 1977.

Within the Ross School, Professor Reece was director of the Public Utilities Executive Program (1981-89) and the Ford Motor Company Co-Director, then Goff Smith Co-Director, of the Joel D. Tauber Manufacturing Institute (2000-04). He served on numerous committees, including the executive committees of the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (1985-93) and the Ross School of Business (1987-89), and he was a member of the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, Inc. Board of Trustees (1989-2001).

Professor Reece was an active teacher in both undergraduate and graduate degree programs, and was one of the premier faculty leaders in the school's executive education program. He co-authored several accounting textbooks that have stood the test of time by having been published regularly in updated editions. His research in the areas of performance measurement in manufacturing and service operations and in activity-based cost management led to development of a new course, which served the Ross School and other schools and colleges as well. Professor Reece received the Victor Bernard Teaching Leadership Award in 1997 and the Andy Andrews Distinguished Faculty Service Award in 2007.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **James S. Reece professor emeritus of accounting and operations management**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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