

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Rafael H. Mojica, Ph.D., associate professor of Spanish in the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2017.

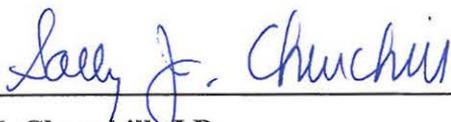
Professor Mojica received his B.A. (1966) degree from the Pontifical Gregorian University at Montezuma College, New Mexico and his M.A. (1983) and Ph.D. (1989) degrees from the University of Colorado Boulder. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1990, and was promoted to associate professor in 1996.

Professor Mojica's leadership in teaching, research, and service is laudable. He had instructional responsibilities in three programs: Spanish language and Spanish American literature, Latin language, and the English Honors Program's core composition course Great Books I. He played a significant role in the University Honors Program where he served as an instructor, faculty representative, student advisor, council member, and thesis director and reader. Some of his other faculty governance and administrative work include serving as a member of the Curriculum Committee in the College of Arts and Sciences (1995-97), chair of the Department of Foreign Languages (1996-99), head of the Spanish Program (2005-17), and on several ad hoc committees at both the department and college levels.

Professor Mojica's research on Spanish American literature produced numerous scholarly publications, invited critical reviews for *World Literature Today*, and refereed presentations at renowned national and international conferences, including the Modern Language Association, the Purdue University Conference on Romance Languages, the International Conference in Literature, Visual Arts, and/or the Cinema, and the 50th Anniversary Homage to Sergio Fernández Symposium celebrated at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), where he was the keynote speaker. Professor Mojica continues to be involved in several research projects and creative works. He is a published novelist and poet as well as an editor of poetry for a number of local publications.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming **Rafael H. Mojica, associate professor emeritus of Spanish**.

Requested by:



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