

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents
September 20, 2007

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Elizabeth A. Allen, Ph.D., associate professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2007.

Professor Allen received her B.S.N. and M.S. degrees from The Ohio State University in 1965 and 1966, respectively, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of South Carolina in 1973. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Michigan, she was an assistant professor at the University of South Carolina and served as coordinator of continuing education for the American Nurses Association. Professor Allen joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1976 as associate professor of nursing and director of the continuing education program in the School of Nursing. She continued as director until 1982, and served as interim director of the Center for Continuing Education from 1982-83.

Early in her career, Professor Allen was a captain in the United States Army Nurse Corps, serving as head nurse in a surgical intensive care unit during the Vietnam War. Upon her return, and until 1988, she was a major in the Active Army Nurse Corps Reserve. In 1987, Professor Allen was appointed by Governor James Blanchard to the Agent Orange Commission, for which she was twice elected as chair. She spoke frequently about veterans and veterans' issues, including post-traumatic stress syndrome and its effect on the families of black veterans. Most recently, she organized informative conferences on the war in Iraq to demonstrate how this military engagement could affect nursing and the population of the State of Michigan.

Professor Allen was dedicated to her students, known for her high standards and the desire to create future nurse leaders who are aware of and sensitive to issues of race, poverty, and social justice. Her efforts to integrate an awareness of these issues into the nursing curriculum will have a lasting impact on students and faculty.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming **Elizabeth A. Allen associate professor emerita of nursing**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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