THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death
Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of Bruce Elenbogen, Ph.D., associate professor of computer and information science in the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Engineering and Computer Science. Professor Elenbogen died on July 24, 2018.

Professor Elenbogen received his B.A. degree from Carleton College in 1976, his Ph.D. degree from Northwestern University in 1981, and his M.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1990. He was assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls from 1981-82. Professor Elenbogen joined the UM-Dearborn faculty as assistant professor in 1982, and was promoted to associate professor in 1990. He was a founding member of the UM-Dearborn Department of Computer and Information Science.

Professor Elenbogen was a highly respected, student-centered educator as well as an incredible friend and colleague. He received two distinguished teaching awards as well as a distinguished faculty advisor award, recognizing his excellence in teaching and student advising. Professor Elenbogen had very high standards for teaching and was dedicated to giving students an excellent education. He championed distance learning when it was just becoming popular. Professor Elenbogen used advanced technology to give computer-based exams securely and effectively in computer labs. He was a pioneer in the early use of animation to enliven and clarify lectures. Recently, Professor Elenbogen experimented with new teaching paradigms, such as inductive learning and flipped classrooms that emphasized problem solving and discovery. He served the department, college, and university in a host of capacities over 35 years, including on various curriculum committees where he helped to develop and improve numerous undergraduate and graduate programs. Professor Elenbogen coached UM-Dearborn’s programming competition team for over 30 years and served for more than 12 years as the faculty advisor of the ACM student chapter at UM-Dearborn. He was also an organizer and judge for the High School Programming Competition. Professor Elenbogen will be missed most deeply for the student-centered philosophy he brought to his work.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, relatives, and friends.

Requested by:

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