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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

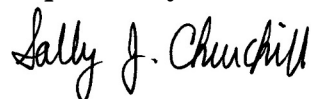
Christine M. Waters, M.F.A., professor of art in the University of Michigan-Flint College of Arts and Sciences, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2020.

Professor Waters received her B.S. (1972), M.A. (1975), and M.F.A. (1977) degrees from the University of Wisconsin. She joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as a visiting professor in January 1987. She was appointed assistant professor in 1988, and was promoted to associate professor in 1994, and professor in 2009.

A distinguished painter, Professor Waters' work was regularly exhibited at regional and national venues. Several of the large oil paintings from her series on the city of Flint, painted from the 11th floor of UM-Flint's North Bank Center Building, grace the halls of the university. Her current body of work, which recognizes her love of the horse and pays homage to artist Kehinde Wiley will be shown at Mott Community College, the University of Michigan-Flint, and Buckham Gallery during the next year. Professor Waters was a founding faculty member of the art program at the University of Michigan-Flint. Under her leadership, the program grew from a few courses to a thriving department that offers four distinct degrees and several minors. During its development, the art program was housed in the music/art department, the communication and visual arts department, and most recently the art and art history department. During her tenure, Professor Waters served as chair of all three departments. In addition to many terms as chair, she served the university in several administrative roles, including associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, associate provost and dean of graduate studies, and associate provost and dean of undergraduate studies. An engaged member of the university community, Professor Waters was an active member of the faculty serving on numerous important committees, as chair of the Faculty Council, and as a member of several search committees, including at the provost and chancellor levels. In addition, she has been a sought-after teacher and advisor known for creativity and caring.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Christine M. Waters, professor emerita of art**.

Requested by:



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