THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

William D. Ensminger, M.D., Ph.D., professor of internal medicine and professor of pharmacology in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on January 31, 2010.

Dr. Ensminger received his B.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1964, his Ph.D. degree from Rockefeller University in 1969, and his M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School in 1973. Following his internship and residency at Beth Israel Hospital (1973-75), he completed a medical oncology fellowship at Harvard Medical School (1975-77), and was an assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School from 1977-78. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1978 as associate professor of internal medicine in the Division of Hematology/Oncology. He was appointed associate professor of pharmacology in 1981 and was promoted to professor of internal medicine and professor of pharmacology in 1982.

Dr. Ensminger’s clinical interests focus on gastrointestinal cancer with a special emphasis on regional therapy of liver tumors. He is widely regarded for his expertise in the area of experimental therapeutics and has published more than 150 peer-reviewed articles and 40 book chapters. He served on the editorial boards of the Journal of Clinical Oncology (1982-87), Cancer Drug Delivery (1982-89), and Selective Cancer Therapies (1989-95), and has been a member of the Southwest Oncology Group Committee on Pharmacology and New Agents since 1979. Dr. Ensminger served as director of the Cancer Pharmacology Program (1982-99), co-director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center Experimental Therapeutics Program (1999-2004), associate director (1980-1990) and then director (1990-2001) of the Clinical Research Center, and director of the Upjohn Center for Clinical Pharmacology (1983-2010). He was active in faculty governance and served as chair of SACUA in 1998-99. He received the Distinguished Faculty Governance Award in 2006.

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator and investigator by naming William D. Ensminger professor emeritus of internal medicine and professor emeritus of pharmacology.

Requested by:

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