Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Margaret Scisney-Matlock, Ph.D., professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, will retire from active faculty status on January 31, 2012.

Professor Scisney-Matlock received her B.S.N. degree from Murray State University in 1971, her M.S.N. degree from Indiana University in 1973, and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Notre Dame in 1983 and 1985, respectively. She held a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan School of Nursing from 1990-92. Professor Scisney-Matlock joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1993, and was promoted to associate professor in 2000, and professor in 2008.

Professor Scisney-Matlock has made considerable contributions to the School of Nursing’s teaching and research missions. She was deeply committed to the education and mentorship of undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral students. Her scholarship focused on the nursing care of adults with the clinical diagnosis of essential hypertension; her work laid the groundwork for the translation of her research findings to clinical practice with the potential for commercialization. She also studied the measurement of cognitive representations of health behaviors as a basis for a theoretically derived cognitive-behavioral intervention for improving blood pressure in women from diverse populations. Her scholarly publications in such highly regarded journals as Hypertension and Applied Nursing Research are widely recognized as critical contributions to the understanding of these issues. Professor Scisney-Matlock’s administrative contributions to the School of Nursing include serving as director of the Division of Acute, Critical, and Long-Term Care Programs from 2002-06.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming Margaret Scisney-Matlock professor emerita of nursing.

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