

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents

February 19, 2009

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 **Janet L. Elkins (Yanosko)**, associate librarian, Mardigian Library, University of Michigan-Dearborn. Ms. Elkins died on December 24, 2008, at the age of 36.

Ms. Elkins received her B.A. degree, with a double major in English and music history/theory, from Oberlin College in 1994 and her M.L.I.S. degree from Wayne State University in 1999. She joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn as an assistant librarian in 1999 and was promoted to associate librarian in 2002.

In 2001, she became the library systems administrator, expanding her role to include supervising systems department staff, maintaining the library's automated cataloging system, overseeing public and staff computers, and collaborating with the web team to develop and maintain the library's website. Ms. Elkins also offered her talents and unique insights to various library committees, including management committees, the Campus Relations Committee, and the Staff Webpage Committee. Within the University community, she served on the Commission for Women (2005-06), the Information Technology Advisory Committee, and the Web Strategy Team, where she assisted in the design of the Dearborn campus's current website. She was instrumental in the design and development of the Voice/Vision Holocaust Survivor Oral History Archive website.

Library staff members will always remember Ms. Elkins' candid, courageous battle against breast cancer and will miss her wit and love of the library. As we mourn the loss of our valued colleague, our sincere condolences go to her husband, Brian; her parents, Barbara A. Jur and Kenneth Yanosko; and her brother, John F. Yanosko.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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