

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Wei C. Lau, M.D., clinical associate professor of anesthesiology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2012.

Dr. Lau received his B.S. degree from the University of Southern California in 1978 and his M.D. degree from the Medical College of Georgia in 1985. He completed a general surgery internship at Sinai Hospital in Detroit, Michigan (1986), a general surgery residency at Providence Hospital in Southfield, Michigan (1988), and both an anesthesiology residency (1992) and a cardiovascular and thoracic anesthesiology fellowship (1993) at the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1993, and was promoted to clinical assistant professor in 1996, and clinical associate professor in 2002.

A dedicated and compassionate clinician, investigator, and teacher, Dr. Lau's research focused on the study of clopidogrel resistance. He has been the principal or co-investigator for two dozen grants in the field of cardiovascular anesthesiology. His academic work culminated in a large multicenter study examining the efficacy and safety of dexmedetomidine in the prevention of postoperative delirium in patients undergoing heart valve surgery. He authored 29 peer-reviewed publications and several book chapters, served on many local and national committees, and delivered numerous invited lectures. Dr. Lau has held multiple administrative appointments in the health system including assistant director of cardiac anesthesiology (1998-2000), first director of Adult Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology (2000-12), and medical director of the Cardiovascular Center Operative Room Management Committee (2002-12). He has been a long serving member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists (1994), the Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists (1995), and the American Heart Association's Counsel on Cardiovascular Surgery and Anesthesia (1996).

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar, clinician, medical educator, and administrator for his dedicated service by naming **Wei C. Lau clinical associate professor emeritus of anesthesiology**.

Requested by:



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