THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Catherine G. McLaughlin, Ph.D., professor of health management and policy in the School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2012.

Professor McLaughlin received her A.B. degree from Randolph-Macon Woman’s College in 1971, and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin in 1978 and 1980, respectively. From 1979-83, she was a faculty member at Tufts University. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1983, and was promoted to associate professor in 1990, and professor in 2000.

Professor McLaughlin’s seminal research focused on managed care and healthcare utilization patterns in small group insurance markets. She served as the inaugural director of the University’s Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Scholars in Health Policy Research Program, one of only three sites to host this prestigious research fellowship program that has trained many leading scholars in the fields of economics, sociology, and the political science of health and healthcare. Under her leadership, the RWJF funded Economic Research Initiative on the Uninsured evaluated and aggregated data on healthcare insurance coverage issues, identified and strategically funded research programs to address knowledge gaps, and disseminated research results to policymakers and other stakeholders. A dedicated teacher, Professor McLaughlin has always maintained a strong focus on mentoring graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty members. In 2006, Professor McLaughlin was elected to the Institute of Medicine.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar by naming Catherine G. McLaughlin professor emerita of health management and policy.

Requested by:

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