

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Penny F. Pierce, Ph.D., associate professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, and faculty associate, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2012.

Professor Pierce received her A.D. degree from Brunswick Junior College in 1969, her B.S.N. degree from the University of Florida in 1972, her M.S.N. degree from Yale University in 1975, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1985. Professor Pierce joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1987, and was promoted to associate professor in 2000. She has served as a faculty associate in the Institute for Social Research and chair of the Military Officer Education Committee since 1992.

Professor Pierce's research focused on the study of decision making behavior in various life threatening and stressful health care contexts. She also studied the post-deployment mental health, physical health, and the retention of military members serving since the Persian Gulf War. Her research activities have brought national visibility to the University and have been utilized by military healthcare policy makers, the Presidential Commission on Persian Gulf War Illnesses, and in congressional hearings. A gifted teacher and devoted mentor, Professor Pierce was committed to the education of undergraduate and graduate students and employed innovative approaches to improve student participation and achievement. In recognition of her accomplishments, she was named a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 2005 and has been a member of Sigma Theta Tau since 1972.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming **Penny F. Pierce associate professor emerita of nursing**.

Requested by:



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