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## ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

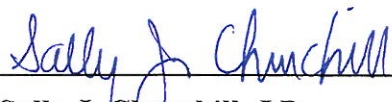
**M. Kazem Mostafapour, Ph.D.**, associate professor of biochemistry and chemistry in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2014.

Professor Mostafapour received his B.Sc. degree from the American University of Beirut in 1962 and his Ph.D. degree from Wayne State University in 1972. He completed post-doctoral work at the University of Washington (1972-73) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1973-75). Professor Mostafapour joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor in 1983, and was promoted to associate professor in 1988.

Professor Mostafapour's research focused on eukaryotic systems, with special expertise in macromolecules, cell surface glycoproteins, sialyltransferases, and lens structural proteins. His groundbreaking research on the molecular structure and carbohydrate binding properties of B-specific lectin from the mushroom *Marasmius oreades* was featured on the cover of the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. Professor Mostafapour played an instrumental role in the development of the UM-Dearborn's biochemistry program and curriculum. A gifted teacher and dedicated mentor, he organized innovative new lecture and laboratory courses, created meaningful student research opportunities, and provided superb career and academic counseling. Professor Mostafapour received UM-Dearborn's Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award (1993) in recognition of his strong commitment to undergraduate education.

The Regents now salute this distinguished biochemist for his dedicated service by naming **M. Kazem Mostafapour associate professor emeritus of biochemistry and chemistry.**

**Requested by:**



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