THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Robert G. Kelly, M.S., senior associate librarian in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, retired from active faculty status on January 6, 2006.

A life-long Michigan resident, Mr. Kelly received his B.A. and M.A.L.S. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1972 and 1973, respectively, and his M.S. degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1983. Mr. Kelly was assistant to the director at the Ypsilanti District Library from 1983-85 and joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant librarian in 1985. Mr. Kelly served as the systems librarian and head of information services at the Mardigan Library, and he later managed Dearborn’s academic computing staff. In 2001, Mr. Kelly joined the Stephen M. Ross School of Business as the electronic selection librarian at the Kresge Business Administration Library.

By identifying and implementing information technologies to deliver library content, Mr. Kelly fostered university-wide collaborations that permitted alternative uses of resources and led to substantially improved services. His early work brought the Dearborn campus online access to the Mirlyn catalog and Wilson indexes, which were previously available only in Ann Arbor, and he helped all three campuses become integral partners in the University Library system. After moving to Ann Arbor, Mr. Kelly worked to consolidate and standardize the contracting process for Kresge electronic resources, develop close relationships with vendors to negotiate low-cost access to high-quality resources, and ensure access to high-quality content for the entire University community. An active participant in the University Library e-resource team, Mr. Kelly underwrote the cost for purchasing journal content in the areas of business and economics and worked to help the campuses share costs for university-wide databases. As chair of the Michigan Library Association’s (MLA) Library Technologies Division, Mr. Kelly brought recognition to the Stephen M. Ross School of Business by supporting the MLA Conference Internet Room and hosting an MLA workshop.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Robert G. Kelly senior associate librarian emeritus.

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Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

March 2006
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Gerd O. Till, M.D., professor of pathology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2005.

Dr. Till attended the University of Frankfurt Medical School from 1962-64 and received his M.D. degree from the University of Freiburg in 1967. He completed an internship at University Hospitals in Freiburg (1967-69), a fellowship in immunology at the Max-Planck-Institute of Immunobiology in Freiburg and the University of Heidelberg (1969-72), and a postdoctoral research fellowship at the University of Connecticut Health Center (1972-73). Dr. Till served on the faculty of the Institute for Immunology and Surgery at the University of Heidelberg from 1973-80. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor of pathology in 1980 and was promoted to professor in 1991.

Dr. Till’s research activities focused on understanding mechanisms of lung injury induced by toxic oxygen products of activated leukocytes and pathophysiological impact events related to thermal injury. He maintained an active research program throughout his tenure and served as principal investigator and co-investigator on a number of grants funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense. In addition to his research activities, Dr. Till taught dental school courses and courses in the Department of Pathology’s graduate program, served as course director for Pathology 580/630, and was a member of the Medical School Committee on Student Biomedical Research Programs.

Dr. Till serves on the editorial boards of International Immunopharmacology and Immunobiology and is a reviewer for a number of journals, including the American Journal of Pathology, the Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, and the Journal of Leukocyte Biology. Within the Medical School, his committee service includes the External Review Committee for the Department of Microbiology and Immunology (1982-83) and the External Review and Search Committee for the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology (1984-85 and 1987).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming Gerd O. Till professor emeritus of pathology.

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Sally J. Churchill
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