THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Frank J. Massey, Ph.D., associate professor of mathematics in the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters (CASL), retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2019.

Professor Massey received his B.A. (1966) degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, his M.S. (1978) degree from the University of Kentucky, and his Ph.D. (1971) degree from the University of California, Berkeley. He served on the faculty of the University of Kentucky from 1971-78. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an associate professor in 1978.

For more than 40 years, Professor Massey taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses, with a special emphasis on computer and mathematical sciences. His work focused on approximations, differential equations, mathematical modeling, and stochastic processes. Professor Massey’s research reflected a number of successful collaborations with applied mathematicians and physicists and was published in several leading applied mathematics, computation, and physics journals. He generously shared his time and expertise with numerous university committees and boards, including the Faculty Senate, the Faculty Senate Promotion and Tenure Committee, the Dearborn Campus Graduate Board, the Committee on the Economic Status of the Faculty, the Academic Affairs Advising Committee, and the CASL Curriculum Committee, as well as many faculty search committees. He also served as chair or co-chair of the department’s annual Putnam Mathematical Competition for many years. In recognition of Professor Massey’s exceptional teaching skills, extensive record of service, and unwavering dedication to colleagues and the university community, he received UM-Dearborn’s Distinguished Service Award in 2018.

The Regents now salute this distinguished mathematician for his service by naming Frank J. Massey, associate professor emeritus of mathematics.

Requested by:

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