ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Bruce M. Carlson, M.D., Ph.D., professor of anatomy in the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology in the Medical School and research professor in the Institute of Gerontology, retired from active faculty status on January 31, 2006, following 40-year career as an active teacher, researcher, and administrator.

Dr. Carlson received his B.A. degree from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1959, his M.S. degree from Cornell University in 1961, and his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota in 1965. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor of anatomy in 1966 and was promoted to associate professor in 1970 and professor in 1975. From 1979-2001 he also held an appointment as professor of biology. He was appointed research scientist in the Institute of Gerontology in 1989 and was promoted to senior research scientist (now research professor) in 1997. He served as chair of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology from 1998-2000 and was director of the Institute of Gerontology from 2000-2003.

A pioneer in the field of mammalian regeneration, Dr. Carlson conducted extensive laboratory research in the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, the Netherlands, Finland, and New Zealand. He has authored ten books on embryology and regeneration and two more are nearing completion. He has served as president of the American Association of Anatomists and president of the Association of Anatomy, Cell Biology, and Neurobiology Chairpersons. His honors include the AAAS Newcomb-Cleveland Prize, membership in the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, and the Henry Gray Award of the American Association of Anatomists. An accomplished teacher, he has received the Medical School’s Elizabeth Crosby and Kaiser-Permanente Teaching Awards.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Bruce M. Carlson professor emeritus of anatomy and research professor emeritus.

Requested by:

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