Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Gary D. Fenstermacher, Ph.D., professor of education in the School of Education, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2007.

Professor Fenstermacher received his B.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University in 1961 and 1970, respectively. From 1969-77 he held a number of faculty and administrative positions at the University of California, Los Angeles, and from 1977-85, he was a professor and administrator at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. In 1985 he joined the faculty of the University of Arizona, Tucson, where he served 6 years as dean of the College of Education and was professor of education until 1996. Professor Fenstermacher joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1996 as professor of education in the School of Education.

Professor Fenstermacher is a philosopher of education whose research interests include the nature of knowledge and reason in teaching, the moral development of teachers and learners, and the politics of schooling and teaching. He is an internationally recognized scholar and is well known for the exceptional quality and quantity of his work. He loves to teach, and he teaches with great sensitivity to the reactions and learning of his students.

Professor Fenstermacher has published extensively in his areas of interest, authoring more than 125 articles and several books. He is past president of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and a former senior associate with the National Network for Educational Renewal.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Gary D. Fenstermacher professor emeritus of education.

Requested by:

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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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