Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Fred Ormand, A.R.C.M., professor of music (clarinet) in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2007.

Professor Ormand received his B.M. degree from the University of Michigan in 1958 and his M.M. degree from Michigan State University in 1960. In 1963 he received the degree “Associate of the Royal College of Music” (A.R.C.M.) from the Royal College of Music in London. From 1963-84, Professor Ormand held faculty positions at the Interlochen Arts Academy, Northwestern University, the State University of New York at Fredonia, Michigan State University, and Florida State University. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in 1984.

A leading clarinetist, Professor Ormand has performed with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and the Grand Teton Music Festival. He founded and has toured extensively with the Interlochen Arts Quintet and the Dusha Quartet and has performed as a soloist with orchestras in the United States, Europe and Asia. In 1989, as a visiting professor at the Shanghai Conservatory, he attracted students from across China and was soloist with the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra. In 1995, he gave an acclaimed series of master classes in England, Denmark, and Sweden. His former students have gone on to positions in top orchestras throughout the U.S. and abroad, and many serve on the faculties of leading universities.

In addition to teaching and performing, Professor Ormand has served his profession as president of the International Clarinet Association. In 1995, the School of Music, Theatre & Dance honored him with the Harold Haugh Award for his outstanding work as a teacher, and in 2007, the school’s alumni society honored him with its Citation of Merit Award. In March 2007, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the University of Michigan Band Alumni Association.

The Regents now salute this distinguished professor for his dedicated service by naming Fred Ormand professor emeritus of music (clarinet).

Requested by:

Sally J. Churchill  
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