Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Jeffrey J. Stern, Ph.D., professor of psychology, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2009.

Professor Stern received his B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1965 and his Ph.D. degree from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1969. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor in 1969, and was promoted to associate professor in 1972 and professor in 1978.

Professor Stern’s research interests are in the area of physiological psychology. In particular, he studied the relationship between hormones and behavior, receiving national recognition for his contributions to this field. His work on the neuroendocrine regulation of feeding behavior and body weight in mammals led to applications for the treatment of human obesity. Later in his career, he obtained additional training which allowed him to contribute as a clinician with a notable expertise in the area of eating disorders, and he developed treatment programs for obesity and eating disorders in local medical settings.

Professor Stern will long be remembered by students and colleagues as a tremendously gifted master teacher. He is exceptionally effective in his ability to engage and even entertain students while presenting complex and scholarly material. He also helped develop the health psychology specialization in the Master of Science in Psychology Program, providing both instruction in physiological psychology and clinical supervision to the graduate students.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and educator for his dedicated service by naming Jeffrey J. Stern professor emeritus of psychology.

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