THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents
May 20, 2010

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Shaké Ketefian, Ed.D., professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2010.

Professor Ketefian received her B.S. degree from the American University of Beirut (Lebanon) in 1963, and her M.Ed. and Ed.D. degrees from Columbia University in 1968 and 1972, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1984 as professor of nursing and associate dean for graduate studies in the School of Nursing. She was acting dean from 1991-92, interim associate dean for academic affairs from 1993-94, and director of international affairs from 1996-2010.

Professor Ketefian believed strongly in the use of scientific knowledge to improve practice, known as evidence-based practice. She has done empirical work in ethics, including investigating determinants of ethical practice in nursing, and developed a tool to measure this construct which has been widely used throughout the world and has been translated into several languages. Within the nursing discipline, she has been a leader in helping to develop scientific integrity guidelines and in promoting their use worldwide. Professor Ketefian was also deeply committed to doctoral education. Under her leadership as the director of the doctoral program, the School of Nursing attained the highest completion rate of doctoral students in Division I of the Rackham graduate school. She established the postdoctoral program in 1987, initiated the process of active recruitment and admission of post-baccalaureate students to the Ph.D. program with funding from the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation, and increased international Ph.D. student enrollment to 15%. She co-founded the International Network for Doctoral Education in Nursing, and served six years as its founding president. She was a consultant on doctoral education for many international schools, was the first director of the school’s Office of International Affairs and its World Health Organization collaborating center, and initiated the international scholars program. All of this work has enlivened the school’s international programming, strengthened its international partnerships, and contributed to internationalizing its environment.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming Shaké Ketefian professor emerita of nursing.

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