THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Joanne M. Pohl, Ph.D., professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2011.

Professor Pohl received her B.S. and M.S.N. degrees from Wayne State University in 1969 and 1979, respectively, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1992. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1992, and was promoted to associate professor in 2000, and professor in 2006.

Professor Pohl is widely recognized for her expertise in primary care and health outcomes, cost of care in nurse managed health centers, and health informatics in safety net practices. She has disseminated her work in more than 70 publications, educational modules, book chapters, and editorials, and has consulted on topics related to primary care and advanced practice nursing both nationally and abroad. A dedicated teacher and outstanding mentor with more than thirty years of experience as a nurse practitioner, she has provided leadership as a teacher in the nurse practitioner programs and as a mentor for doctoral students. She was coordinator of the adult nurse practitioner program from 1992–2001 and as associate dean in the Office of Community Partnerships from 2001–08.

Professor Pohl served as president of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties and was actively involved in policy related to primary care and nurse practitioners. She has been sought after for multiple national forums to address the changing role of primary care in the current health care system. She has also been involved in the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses and served on the Advisory Board for the Nursing Alliance for Quality Care. In recognition of her contributions to the field of nursing, Professor Pohl was inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 2000 and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners in 2010, and received the Achievement in Research Award from the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties in 2006. In April 2011, she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming Joanne M. Pohl professor emerita of nursing.

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