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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

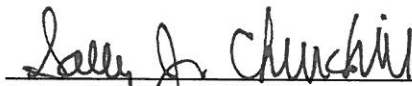
Ronald P. Morash, Ph.D., professor of mathematics, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2012.

Professor Morash received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Boston College in 1965 and 1967, respectively, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1971. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor in 1972, and was promoted to associate professor in 1975, and professor in 1982.

Professor Morash's research focused on lattice theory, nonstandard analysis, mathematics history, and mathematics pedagogy. He authored the textbook, *Bridge to Abstract Mathematics: Mathematical Proof and Structures* (1987), which was used at several universities in the 1980s and 1990s, and remains the text for Math 200, a bridge course he created. He taught courses on a wide range of topics, including geometry, pre-calculus, calculus, topology, linear algebra, differential equations, abstract algebra, statistics, and probability, and was heavily involved in an innovative and alternative teaching approach to calculus based on individualized instruction. Professor Morash served as chair of the Department of Mathematics for five three-year terms (1977-83 and 1989-98), was the department's program advisor for many years, and was associate dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters (2001-2005). He played an instrumental role in establishing the department's Mathematics Learning Center, including acquiring funding from the National Science Foundation and serving as director. He has also served as a mathematical and statistical consultant to a Massachusetts-based biomedical research company.

The Regents now salute this dedicated and accomplished teacher and scholar by naming **Ronald P. Morash professor emeritus of mathematics**.

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