

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**


**Dee W. Edington, Ph.D.**, professor of kinesiology in the School of Kinesiology and research scientist in the School of Public Health, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2013.

Professor Edington received his B.S. degree from Michigan State University in 1959, his M.S. degree from Florida State University in 1963, and his Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University in 1968. He served on the faculty of the University of Massachusetts from 1969-76. Professor Edington joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor and chair of the Department of Physical Education in the School of Education in 1976. He was appointed research scientist in the School of Public Health in 1984.

Professor Edington distinguished himself by his innovative and pioneering translational research on workplace and occupational health management utilizing cost-effective methods. A successful research scientist, he published his findings in a wide array of journals and presented at numerous conferences. Under Professor Edington's leadership the Department of Physical Education was transformed into the separate Division of Physical Education and later renamed the Division of Kinesiology (now the School of Kinesiology). He oversaw the programmatic evolution of the Division from a focus on physical education professional preparation to the broadly defined field of kinesiology. These changes led to a doubling of student enrollment and research funding. Professor Edington is the recipient of several awards and honors including the Vern Seefeldt Lifetime Achievement Award from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports (2001), the Michigan State University's Distinguished Alumni Career Award Kinesiology (2008), and the American College of Preventive Medicine's Distinguished Katharine Boucot Sturgis Award (2009).

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, researcher, and administrator for his dedicated service by naming **Dee W. Edington professor emeritus of kinesiology and research scientist emeritus**.

**Requested by:**

  
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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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