Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Richard H. Price, Ph.D., Stanley E. Seashore Collegiate Professor of Psychology and Organizational Studies and professor of psychology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and research professor in the Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2014.

Professor Price received his A.B. degree from Lawrence College in 1962, and his A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois in 1965 and 1966, respectively. He began his teaching career as an assistant professor at Indiana University in 1966 and was promoted to associate professor in 1974. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in 1974. He held additional appointments in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business and the Institute for Social Research, and served as associate vice president for research from 1996-97.

Professor Price’s scholarship examined how coping, sense of control, self-efficacy, mastery, and social support sustains mental health during adversity. Based on his research, Professor Price created programs throughout the world to assist individuals and families cope with problems such as unemployment, stress, and single parenthood. Professor Price exemplifies the type of scholar who moves seamlessly between the worlds of rigorous scientific work and prevention interventions. He has held numerous key administrative leadership positions including directorships at the Michigan Prevention Research Center, the Barger Leadership Institute, and the Interdisciplinary Program on Organizational Studies. He is the recipient of numerous honors including the National Mental Health Association’s Lela Rowland National Prevention Research Award (1990), the Society for Prevention Research’s Award for International Prevention Research (2001), the American Psychological Association’s Group Psychologist of the Year (2009), and the American Psychological Foundation’s Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement in the Application of Psychological Knowledge (2010).

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming Richard H. Price professor emeritus of psychology and research professor emeritus.

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