

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

**Adopted by the
Regents
May 21, 2015**

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


Fred E. Williams, Ph.D., professor of operations management in the School of Management, University of Michigan-Flint, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2015.

Professor Williams received his B.S. degree from the Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1961, his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Purdue University in 1962 and 1970, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as dean and professor in 1998.

An outstanding teacher, scholar, and leader, Professor Williams served as dean of the College of Business Administration at Tennessee Technological University (1984-90), dean of the College of Business Administration at Bowling Green State University (1990-1995), dean of the Campbell School of Business at Berry College (1995-97), and dean of the UM-Flint School of Management (1998-2003). He successfully obtained funding from the United States Information Agency to support the development of partnership activities between the UM-Flint School of Management and the International Academy of Business and Banking in Togliatti, Russia. Professor Williams' teaching and research focused on operations management, management science, and information technology strategy and management. His publications have appeared in *Decision Sciences*, *Management Science*, and *The Review of Economic Studies*. Professor Williams has served on a number of committees including the Chancellor's Advisory Committee, the Committee on the Economic Status of the Faculty, the Faculty Council, and the Strategic Planning Committee.

The Regents now salute this distinguished professor and administrator for his dedicated service by naming **Fred E. Williams, professor emeritus of operations management**.

Requested by:



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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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