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

Kenneth E. Warner, Ph.D., Avedis Donabedian Distinguished University Professor of Public Health and professor of health management and policy in the School of Public Health, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2017.

Professor Warner received his A.B. (1968) degree from Dartmouth College and his M.Phil. (1970) and Ph.D. (1974) degrees from Yale University. He joined the University of Michigan as a lecturer in 1972, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1974, associate professor in 1977, and professor in 1983. Professor Warner was named the Richard D. Remington Collegiate Professor of Public Health from 1995-2001 and the Avedis Donabedian Distinguished University Professor of Public Health since 2001. He served as chair of the Department of Public Health Policy and Administration (1982-88 and 1992-95) and dean of the School of Public Health (2005-10).

Professor Warner earned an international reputation as the leading economist researching tobacco and health policy. His innovative and enlightening work has enhanced the health of the public and shaped policies worldwide. Professor Warner’s compelling research agenda covered the behavioral and health effects of the antismoking campaigns, the health consequences of cigarette taxation, the impact of declining tobacco consumption on state and national employment, and the future of nicotine delivery. Professor Warner’s many public service contributions included serving as the senior scientific editor of the 25th Anniversary Surgeon General’s Report on Smoking and Health and as the World Bank’s representative to the negotiations that produced the first global health treaty known as the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. A superb teacher and mentor, he generously shared his expertise, insights, and time with undergraduate students, graduate students, and colleagues. Professor Warner received numerous awards, including the Doll-Wynder Award from the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco in 2017.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Kenneth E. Warner, dean emeritus, School of Public Health; Avedis Donabedian Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Public Health; and professor emeritus of health management and policy.

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