Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Jonathan W. Bulkley, Ph.D., Peter M. Wege Endowed Professor of Sustainable Systems and professor of resources policy in the School of Natural Resources and Environment, and professor of civil and environmental engineering in the College of Engineering, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2011.

Professor Bulkley earned two S.B. degrees, in political science and civil engineering, in 1961, and S.M. and Ph.D. degrees, in 1963 and 1966, respectively, all from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Following two years of active duty in the U.S. Army, he joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1968 as an assistant professor in the School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE) and assistant professor in the College of Engineering. He was promoted to associate professor in 1971 and professor in 1977. From 1991-98, he was director of the National Pollution Prevention Center for Higher Education, located at the University of Michigan, and in 1998 he was appointed co-director of the Center for Sustainable Systems in the SNRE. He was appointed to the Peter M. Wege Endowed Professorship in Sustainable Systems in 2000.

Professor Bulkley is well-known for his research on the development and application of both quantitative and qualitative means to help improve the planning, evaluation, and management of natural resources—especially water resources—to achieve sustainability. He has written on the risk associated with lead and mercury and wet-weather and wastewater flows, and has argued for holistic planning through watershed planning and management. He is a nationally and internationally recognized expert on storm water, combined sewer overflows and water collections systems. During his 43-year career at the University of Michigan, Professor Bulkley has educated thousands of students, has served on numerous university committees and on state­wide and national scientific committees, and has published widely in the areas of resource policy and sustainability in water resources.

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator for his dedicated service by naming Jonathan W. Bulkley the Peter M. Wege Endowed Professor Emeritus of Sustainable Systems, professor emeritus of resources policy, and professor emeritus of civil and environmental engineering.

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