

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

John R. Griffith, M.B.A., Andrew Pattullo Professor of Hospital Administration and professor of health management and policy in the School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2011.

Professor Griffith received his B.S.E. degree from The Johns Hopkins University in 1955 and his M.B.A. degree from the University of Chicago in 1957. He then worked several years as a hospital administrator. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1960, and was promoted to associate professor in 1964 and professor in 1968. He was appointed the Andrew Pattullo Professor of Hospital Administration in 1982.

Professor Griffith's research focuses on evidence-based management systems and practices that promote excellence in the healthcare industry and improve the quality and efficiency of patient care. He is the author of numerous publications, including the most widely-used textbook in healthcare administration, *The Well-Managed Health Care Organization*. The first edition of this book, which is now in its seventh edition, won the American College of Healthcare Executives' Hamilton Prize in 1987, and the fourth edition was named "Book of the Year" by the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society. Four of his articles have been recognized for excellence by the American College of Healthcare Executives. Professor Griffith has served as chair of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration and as a commissioner for the Accrediting Commission on Education in Health Services Administration. Within the School of Public Health, he taught courses on the management of healthcare organizations and on healthcare bioethical issues, and held a number of administrative positions, including associate director of the Program in Hospital Administration (1963-69), director of the Program and Bureau of Hospital Administration (1970-82), and chair of the Department of Health Services Management and Policy (1987-91). He received the School of Public Health's Excellence in Teaching Award in 2009.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar by naming John R. Griffith **professor emeritus of health management and policy**.

Requested by:



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