

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

**Adopted by the Regents
June 20, 2013**

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death

Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **Bryan L. Rogers, Ph.D.**, professor of art and former dean of the Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design. Professor Rogers died on May 28, 2013.

Professor Rogers received his B.E. degree from Yale University in 1963, and his M.S., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Berkeley in 1966, 1969, and 1971, respectively. He held faculty positions at the University of California, Berkeley, San Francisco State University, and Carnegie Mellon University. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor and dean of the School of Art and Design in 2000.

Professor Rogers is a widely regarded visionary leader who transformed art-design education and championed the critical role of creativity in education. He inspired a generation of creative thinkers and practitioners to move beyond centuries-old conventions and embrace new paradigms grounded in critical engagement, community, and global awareness. He sought to broaden and emphasize the important roles art and design play within the intellectual vitality of the University community. As the School's longest serving dean (2000-12), he worked to develop an innovative curriculum, increase the number and breadth of faculty, encourage interdisciplinary collaborations, improve and expand facilities, and establish a robust School endowment to support future endeavors. Professor Rogers sought to cultivate well-rounded graduates equipped with technical and conceptual skills, creative confidence, and a passion for engaging their communities and the world.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Cynthia, his son Kyle, and his many loving relatives and friends.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill, J.D.

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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