Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Howard G. Rush, D.V.M., associate professor of laboratory animal medicine in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2015.

Dr. Rush received his D.V.M. degree from The Ohio State University in 1972 and his M.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1975. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in 1975, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1978, and associate professor in 1982. He served as assistant director (1994-2000), interim director (2000-01), and director (2001-11) of the Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine (ULAM).

Dr. Rush’s scholarly interests focused on clinical laboratory animal medicine and diseases, animal models of disease, education and training in laboratory animal medicine and science, and biohazard use in laboratory animals. He made many contributions to the advancement of laboratory animal science and animal management through his academic work. Dr. Rush published 39 articles in peer reviewed journals, 14 book chapters, and 67 abstracts. He taught and mentored over 75 veterinary fellows in the ULAM clinical training program, many of whom are now leaders and directors of laboratory animal management programs around the world. Dr. Rush has been active in several national veterinary professional organizations including the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science, the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine, the American Society of Laboratory Animal Practitioners, and the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges. He received the coveted Bennett J. Cohen Memorial Award for life-long dedication and achievement in laboratory animal science from the Michigan Branch of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science in 2013.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar for his dedicated service by naming Howard G. Rush, associate professor emeritus of laboratory animal medicine.

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