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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

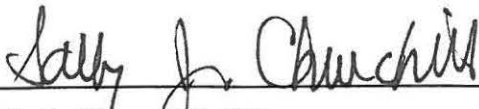
Jacqueline L. Zeff, Ph.D., professor of English in the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2015.

Professor Zeff received her A.B. degree from the University of Michigan in 1966, her M.A. degree from Wayne State University in 1968, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1973. She served on the faculty of Wayne State University, Midrasha College of Jewish Studies, and the Mercy College of Detroit. Professor Zeff joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of English in 1991.

Professor Zeff is a leading scholar of women's literature, American immigrant literature, and U.S. Latina literature, with special expertise in the works of Willa Cather, John Keats, Edith Wharton, and August Wilson. She authored a number of notable papers and was a frequent invited speaker at national conferences. Professor Zeff provided exemplary leadership of the College of Arts and Sciences during her service as dean from 1991-95. A gifted teacher, Professor Zeff created dynamic learning environments that encouraged the development of solid writing skills, formidable analytical prowess, and an enduring appreciation of the great works of literature. She taught a broad range of courses including Introduction to Prose Fiction, Women and Literature, Elements of Literary Analysis, Topics in Women's Literature, and Major Novelists. Professor Zeff served as director of the Masters of Liberal Studies program, shared her insights with numerous department and university-wide committees, and was actively involved in the intellectual life of the campus. She received the University of Michigan-Flint's Faculty Achievement Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2000.

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator for her dedicated service by naming **Jacqueline L. Zeff, professor emerita of English.**

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