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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

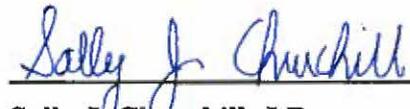
**Russell S. Taichman, D.M.D., D.M.Sc.**, Major M. Ash Collegiate Professor of Periodontics, professor of dentistry, and associate dean for research in the School of Dentistry, retired from active faculty status on July 1, 2019.

Professor Taichman received his B.S. (1982) degree from Villanova University, his D.M.D. (1986) degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and his D.M.Sc. (1990) degree from Harvard University. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1992, and was promoted to associate professor in 1998, and professor in 2005. He also served as an adjunct professor in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts from 2005-14. He was appointed director of research for the Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine from 2004-14 and associate dean for research in the School of Dentistry from 2014-19.

Professor Taichman was internationally recognized for his novel research that focused on identifying the molecular mechanisms used by osteoblasts that serve and support hematopoietic stem cells and how these pathways are used by tumors to gain footholds in the marrow and become dormant. He has a notable history of successfully securing research funding, published numerous articles in the leading peer-reviewed journals, and was a frequent manuscript and grant reviewer for several scientific journals and federal agencies. Professor Taichman received a number of teaching and mentoring awards, developed and directed the Scholars Program in Dental Leadership, and organized the School of Dentistry's first massive online open course. He was a member of a number of national organizations, including the American Association of Dental Research, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Bone & Mineral Society.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Russell S. Taichman, professor emeritus of dentistry**.

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