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 Carol T. Mowbray, professor of social work and associate professor of psychology. Professor Mowbray died on August 23, 2005, at the age of 57.

A leading researcher on psychosocial rehabilitation, Professor Mowbray earned her B.S. degree (psychology and mathematics) and her M.S. degree (psychology) from Tufts University, and her Ph.D. degree in developmental psychology from the University of Michigan. She joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1994 as associate professor of social work and was promoted to professor in 2000. From 1996–2001, she was the associate dean for research at the School of Social Work, and from 2003 until her death, she was co-director of the school’s Center for Poverty, Risk, and Mental Health.

Before joining the University of Michigan faculty, Professor Mowbray was an associate professor and director of the research office at the Wayne State University School of Social Work and a clinical professor of ecological/community psychology at Michigan State University. For nearly a decade earlier in her career, Professor Mowbray was the director of research and demonstration projects for the Bureau of Program Development and Quality Assurance at the Michigan Department of Mental Health. Prior to that, she held several positions as an evaluator for the Michigan Department of Mental Health.

Professor Mowbray was a prolific author, contributing more than 130 scientific articles, chapters, and books. The recipient of numerous awards, she was honored most recently as the 2005 recipient of the American Psychological Association’s Harold Hildreth Award, given annually to a senior professional whose career and accomplishments embody the highest principles of public service. The U.S. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association also recently honored her by renaming its Early Career Research Award the Carol T. Mowbray Award.

As we mourn the loss of this distinguished researcher, colleague, teacher, and mentor, our condolences go to her children, Orion and Nickolas Mowbray.

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The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of Mei-Yu Yu, research associate professor in the School of Nursing, who died on August 1, 2005, at the age of 61.

Dr. Yu was highly regarded for her work in women’s health, cancer screening promotion, and international health promotion and for her leadership in Asian-American communities. In 1996, she founded the Healthy Asian American Project (HAAP) to improve the overall health status of Asian Americans and to reduce health disparities through research, education, and promotion. Under her direction, HAAP became a tremendous success, with funding and support gained from the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, and the National Cancer Institute. The project organized many health promotion and screening events and trained more than 300 lay health advisors and other volunteers to improve access to and utilization of early cancer screening among Asian Americans. In 2003, Dr. Yu expanded the scope of HAAP and initiated the International Health Promotion Project to promote the early detection of breast cancer in China and to link faculty and students at the University of Michigan with Chinese universities and hospitals. The project funded and organized the 2005 International Symposium on Breast Cancer in Tianjing, China, and sponsored the training of many Chinese nurses.

Dr. Yu received her M.D. degree from Shanghai First Medical University in 1968 and was a physician in Changsha, China, from 1968-81. She came to the United States in 1981 to study at the University of Texas at Austin and received her Ph.D. degree in sociology in 1986. After completing her postdoctoral work in 1988, Dr. Yu joined the University of Michigan faculty, where she introduced numerous research and teaching projects in the School of Nursing, mentored more than 30 postdoctoral fellows and graduate and undergraduate students, and received over $2 million in research grants. She was the author of more than 50 publications, including four book chapters. Dr. Yu served on the Asian American/Pacific Islander Advisory Council for the Komen Foundation and as Michigan chair for the National Asian Women’s Health Organization, and was active in numerous other national and local professional and health awareness organizations.

As we mourn the loss of this distinguished researcher, our condolences go to her husband, Bo-nan Jiang; her children, Bo and Hao Jing; her son-in-law, Fucheng Kao; and her granddaughters, Camille and Simona Kao.

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