THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

James A. Kulik, Ph.D., director and research scientist, Office of Evaluations & Examinations, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2010.

Dr. Kulik received his B.S. degree from St. Louis University in 1962 and his Ph.D. degree from the University of California, Berkeley in 1966. From 1966-68, he was a faculty member at Wesleyan University. He joined the University of Michigan in 1969 as a lecturer in psychology and research associate. He was promoted to assistant professor of psychology in 1971, and was appointed acting director (1973-75), associate research scientist (1974), and research scientist (1977) at the Center for Research on Learning and Teaching (CRLT). He was appointed director of the Office of Evaluations & Examinations in 1998.

Dr. Kulik is known for his contributions to the development of meta-analytic methods for statistically analyzing research findings. His work has resulted in more than 150 publications, including books, journal articles, and presentations at scientific meetings. Thirty years ago he developed the University’s first computer-based teaching evaluation system, a precursor to the system which now provides student feedback on over 17,000 classes each year. He has served as the principal investigator or director of evaluation on 14 externally funded projects. He has directed educational evaluation projects for two school districts and a Fortune 500 corporation, served on the editorial boards of several journals in education and psychology, and served as an expert witness in court cases involving matters of educational evaluation. Dr. Kulik is a fellow of the American Psychological Association, and in 1992, he received the Harold E. Mitzel Award for Meritorious Contribution to Educational Practice through Research from the Journal of Educational Research.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming James A. Kulik research scientist emeritus.

Requested by:

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