THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Simon P. Levine, Ph.D., professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation, Medical School, and associate professor of biomedical engineering, College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2010.

Professor Levine received his B.A. degree from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1973, and his M.A., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1975, 1976, and 1983, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1983 as an assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation and director of the Rehabilitation Engineering Program/Rehabilitation Technology Services. He was promoted to associate professor in 1990 and professor in 2001, and was appointed associate professor of biomedical engineering in the College of Engineering in 1998.

Professor Levine’s research has focused primarily on brain computer interfaces for the operation of assistive technology. He has become a leader in this field nationally and internationally. He has published 43 peer-reviewed papers, given more than 90 invited presentations, and holds five United States patents and copyrights, independently or with others. Professor Levine served on the board of the Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America from 1995-2000. He has been a reviewer for many scientific journals and a member of the editorial boards of Assistive Technology and Rehabilitation Report. He has served regularly as a grant reviewer for the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and the U.S. Department of Education Rehabilitation Services Administration. Professor Levine has been a strong teacher and mentor and has had a major influence on trainees in the field of rehabilitation engineering. He has served on numerous dissertation committees and was course director and founder of classes in both biomedical engineering and physical medicine and rehabilitation.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming Simon P. Levine professor emeritus of physical medicine and rehabilitation and associate professor emeritus of biomedical engineering.

Requested by:

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