Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Theresa S. Foley, Ph.D., clinical assistant professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2013.

Professor Foley received her B.S.N. degree from Creighton University in 1965, her M.S. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1966, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1979. She completed additional training with the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (1975-76), the University of Pittsburgh (1980-81), and the National Institute of Mental Health (1984-88). She has held numerous positions at the University of Michigan including assistant professor of nursing, assistant research scientist, and lecturer. She was appointed clinical assistant professor in 2011.

A leading authority on psychiatric nursing, Professor Foley studied the treatment of victims of sexual assault and abuse, long-term outcomes related trauma, and mental health nursing within correctional settings. She co-authored, with Marilyn A. Davies, the monograph entitled RAPE: Nursing Care of Victims (1983) which received the American Journal of Nursing’s Book of the Year Award. Professor Foley is a nationally recognized expert witness in criminal and civil cases that involve sexual and physical abuse, physical assault, and the long-term sequelae of victimization. She also spent many years researching and implementing mental health care treatment programs for male and female felons within hybrid correctional and mental health systems. More recently, Professor Foley’s work explored the implementation of the Initiative for Excellence in Clinical Education, Practice & Scholarship, a partnership model between the University of Michigan Health System and the School of Nursing. A dedicated teacher and mentor, she taught countless graduate and undergraduate nursing students, many of whom have gone on to successful academic, clinical, and research careers.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming Theresa S. Foley clinical assistant professor emerita of nursing.

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