THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Terry J. Brown, M.L.A., professor of landscape architecture in the School of Natural Resources and Environment, retired from active faculty status on October 31, 2011.

Professor Brown received his B.S.L.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1969 and his M.L.A. degree from Harvard University in 1972. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1972. He was appointed instructor in 1973, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1974, associate professor in 1977, and professor in 1998.

Professor Brown’s research interests have focused most recently on suburban ecosystem management, including how people perceive and value the urban forest, introducing technology into the classroom, universal design, geographic information systems, the Americans with Disabilities Act, land use planning, and public participation in the design process. In his academic and scholarly work, he is a committed advocate for upholding and enhancing the rights of people with disabilities to participate in their communities. He incorporates universal design principles in his landscape architecture and site planning courses and in professional activities that focus on accessibility issues.

Professor Brown’s demeanor, always upbeat and receptive to the concerns of others, has been ideal for his chosen profession of teaching and sharing his knowledge with others. His genuine interest in his students’ welfare enables him to understand their needs and suggest sound and appropriate advice, making him an influential mentor to many former students. His attitude, achievements and ability to adapt to adverse conditions is an inspiration to all, and his philosophy of life has inspired many of his graduate students and colleagues to perform well beyond their initial expectations.

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator for his dedicated service by naming Terry J. Brown professor emeritus of landscape architecture.

Requested by:

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