

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

## ACTION REQUEST

**Adopted by the  
Regents  
November 21, 2013**

**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 **Curtis E. Huntington, J.D.**, professor of mathematics in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. Professor Huntington died on October 7, 2013 at the age of 71, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Professor Huntington received his B.A. and M.A.S. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1964 and 1965, respectively. He received his J.D. degree from Suffolk University in 1976. He held numerous key positions at the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company including actuary (1967-78), vice president and actuary (1978-79), vice president and auditor (1979-83), and vice president and corporate actuary (1984-93). He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an adjunct professor of mathematics in 1993, and was promoted to professor of mathematics and director of the Actuarial Mathematics Program and the Financial Mathematics Program in 1994.

Professor Huntington's leadership was instrumental in the revitalization of the actuarial and financial mathematics programs. He spearheaded curriculum revisions that integrated financial coursework, improved faculty recruitment efforts, enhanced activities for students, and significantly increased the number of successful program graduates. The program is now one of only 24 in the world to be recognized by the Society of Actuaries as a Center of Actuarial Excellence. Professor Huntington also served as associate chair for education in the department from 2004-07 and 2009-13. His tireless and successful efforts, as a philanthropist and fundraiser, led to the establishment of a professorship in actuarial mathematics and numerous endowed department funds. In recognition of his distinguished career and tremendous service to the actuarial profession he was named fellow of the Society of Actuaries, member of the American Academy of Actuaries, fellow of the Conference of Consulting Actuaries, and associated professional member of the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries. A gifted teacher and dedicated mentor, Professor Huntington taught a generation of students, many of whom have gone on to successful academic and business careers. A recent graduate noted, "No mathematical model could ever quantify Professor Huntington's enthusiasm, passion, or his positive impact on his students."

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his sister Peg, his brother-in-law Hugh, and his many loving relatives and friends.

**Requested by:**



**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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