THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Nancy S. Karp, B.S., A.M.L.S., senior associate librarian in the Kresge Business Administration Library at the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, will retire from active faculty status on January 18, 2008.

Ms. Karp received her B.S. degree from Wayne State University in 1963 and her A.M.L.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1968. She joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1968 as a librarian III in the Kresge Business Administration Library, and was promoted to associate librarian in 1972 and senior associate librarian in 1980.

Over the course of her 39-year career, Ms. Karp has proven to be an exceptional reference librarian, serving as a beacon for students, faculty and staff in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business. The quality of her reference work has been acknowledged in the prefaces of doctoral dissertations and faculty publications. Through her selection of print and electronic resources, she has also contributed to the richness of research materials at the Kresge Library. As manager of the reference services department for a number of years, she created and refined documentation that is essential for finding and using print and electronic resources. Ms. Karp has also been a tremendous supporter of the Ross School’s action-based learning programs such as MAP (“Multidisciplinary Action Projects”). Her thorough approach to evaluating databases has led to numerous improvements in these important resources.

Ms. Karp served the library during its transformation from a paper-centric facility to one that is nearly completely electronic, and wrote three articles on managing and using CD-ROM resources when this technology was new in libraries. She has participated actively in professional associations and has given numerous course-related presentations to students in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business and School of Information.

The Regents now salute this faculty member for her dedicated service by naming Nancy S. Karp senior associate librarian emerita.

Requested by:

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