THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Harry J. D’Souza, Ph.D., professor of mathematics, in the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2009.

Professor D’Souza received his B.Sc. degree from St. Xavier’s College, Bombay, India, in 1976, his M.Sc. degree from the University of Bombay, India, in 1978, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Notre Dame in 1980 and 1983, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1983, and was promoted to associate professor in 1989 and professor in 1997.

Professor D’Souza is an active researcher who has focused on algebraic geometry and number theory. He has published in prestigious journals on a variety of mathematical topics and has made numerous presentations at national and international seminars. Professor D’Souza has leveraged his membership and participation in the UM-Ann Arbor Algebraic Geometry and Number Theory Seminars and the UM-Flint Mathematics Department Research Seminars to build productive relationships between mathematicians and across both campuses.

A dedicated and energetic mathematics teacher, Professor D’Souza has focused his efforts on instructional innovation and superior student achievement. He has supervised over a dozen honors theses and individual projects and has been also active in working to improve precollege students’ preparation and awareness of the mathematical core of science and engineering. Professor D’Souza has been active in faculty governance, has served on numerous departmental and university committees, and has been an influential member of the Greater Flint Educational Consortium. His honors include the UM-Flint Faculty Award for Scholarly or Creative Achievement (1992) and the Distinguished Faculty Award from the Michigan Association of Governing Boards (1993).

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator and scholar by naming Harry J. D’Souza professor emeritus of mathematics.

Requested by:

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