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ACTION REQUEST

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

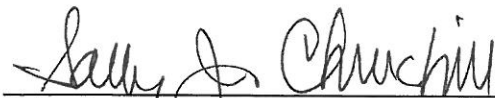
L. Nathan Oaklander, Ph.D., David M. French Professor and professor of philosophy, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2012.

Professor Oaklander received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Iowa in 1967, 1970, and 1973, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an instructor in 1972, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1973, associate professor in 1977, and professor in 1982. He was named David M. French Professor in 1990.

Professor Oaklander taught many different courses, ranging from Introduction to Philosophy to Logic, Modern Philosophy, and Metaphysics. He was a devoted mentor to students and junior faculty, and research he conducted with some of his students led to a published paper in a refereed journal. Professor Oaklander authored 14 books, 23 book chapters, 40 refereed articles, and numerous other articles and critical reviews. He presented more than 50 invited international lectures, and is considered one of the central international figures in the debate between the A-series and B-series modes of ordering events in time. Professor Oaklander was an active member of the American Philosophical Association, served on the editorial board of *Philo: A Journal of Philosophy*, and was president of the Society for the Philosophy of Time. His University service included multiple terms as department chair and service on numerous college and University committees. He received the UM-Flint Faculty Award for Distinguished Scholarship and Creative Achievement four times: in 1980, 1997, 2003, and 2011.

The Regents now salute this outstanding scholar and educator by naming **L. Nathan Oaklander David M. French Professor Emeritus and professor emeritus of philosophy**.

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