Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Richard A. Scott Ph.D., professor of applied mechanics and engineering science in the College of Engineering will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2013.

Professor Scott received his B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees from the National University of Ireland, University College Cork in 1957 and 1959, respectively. He received his Ph.D. degree from the California Institute of Technology in 1964. Professor Scott joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1967, and was promoted to associate professor in 1971, and professor in 1977.

Professor Scott is a leading authority in the fields of dynamics of flexible mechanisms, dynamics of rotating composite shafts, optimization of damping treatments, and finite elements methods in solid mechanics and vibration. He authored and co-authored numerous publications in the leading engineering journals and was actively involved in the University of Michigan Chapter of Sigma Xi, the American Academy of Mechanical Engineers, the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, and the American Society of Engineering Education. From 1984-92, Professor Scott served as associate chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics. A dedicated teacher and mentor, he taught a generation of students, many of whom have gone on to successful careers in academia and industry. Professor Scott received numerous honors including the Outstanding Teaching in Engineering Award, the Excellence in Service Award, and three Pi Tau Sigma Faculty of the Semester awards.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Richard A. Scott professor emeritus of applied mechanics and engineering science.

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