

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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 **Donald F. Rossin, Ph.D.**, associate professor of operations management in the College of Business, University of Michigan-Dearborn. Professor Rossin died on November 8, 2015.

Professor Rossin received his B.S. degree from Boston University in 1969, his M.B.A. degree from California State University, Fresno in 1977, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1985. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor in 1994, and was promoted to associate professor in 1999.

Professor Rossin was a leader in the field of operations management with special expertise in the dynamics of employee scheduling. His most recent research focused on new performance measures and models for supply chain management. Professor Rossin authored numerous scholarly publications in the leading peer-reviewed journals including *Applied Mathematics and Computation*, *Decision Sciences*, the *Journal of Operations Management*, and *Management Science*. He served as coordinator for the Special American Business Internship Training Program for Russian scientists interning at Ford Motor Company in 1995. Professor Rossin played an instrumental role in the design, development, and implementation of new supply chain management concentrations for both the M.B.A. and B.B.A. degree programs. A gifted instructor and dedicated mentor, Professor Rossin will be remembered for his utilization of innovative and unorthodox teaching methods to convey complex concepts, improve learning outcomes, and inspire his students.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his many loving relatives and friends.

Requested by:



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