## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

## **ACTION REQUEST**

Subject:

Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested:

**Adoption of Retirement Memoir** 

Marshal Shlafer, Ph.D., professor of pharmacology in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2016.

Professor Shlafer received his B.A. degree from the University of Connecticut in 1969 and his Ph.D. degree from the Medical College of Georgia in 1974. He completed his postdoctoral training at the University of Miami from 1974-77. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1977, and was promoted to associate professor in 1983, and professor in 1990. He served as associate dean for student programs in the Medical School from 1992-97.

Professor Shlafer is internationally recognized for his research on the mechanisms by which oxygen deprivation due to ischemia damages the heart. His work explored the possible subcellular sources of oxygen radicals, the chemical nature of the radicals, changes in endogenous myocardial defensive mechanisms against free radical-induced damage, and pharmacologic approaches to preventing such damage. Professor Shlafer utilized physiologic, biochemical, and electron microscopic-histochemical approaches to study these problems. He authored 54 manuscripts in the leading peer-reviewed scientific journals, four textbooks on pharmacology and therapeutics for nurses, and seven book chapters. Professor Shlafer has a notable record of successfully obtaining research funding from the National Institutes of Health and the American Heart Association of Michigan. A superb teacher and dedicated mentor, he received four Excellence in Teaching Awards (1988, 1989, 1990, and 1991), the Kaiser Permanente's Teaching Excellence Award (1990), and the Elizabeth Crosby Award (1991).

The Regents now salute this distinguished scientist for his dedicated service by naming Marshal Shlafer, professor emeritus of pharmacology.

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