

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

**Adopted by the
Regents
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Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

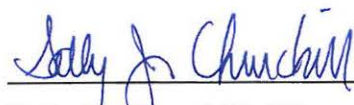
Charlotte A. Otto, Ph.D., professor of chemistry in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, and professor of education in the College of Education, Health, and Human Services, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2014.

Professor Otto received her B.S. degree from the University of Washington in 1968, and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1970 and 1976, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor in 1980, and was promoted to associate professor in 1985, and professor in 1990.

An exceptional scientist, teacher, and leader, Professor Otto held three key administrative positions including chemistry discipline chair in the Department of Natural Sciences (1990-93); chair of the Department of Natural Sciences (1993-98), and associate provost of the University of Michigan-Dearborn (1998-2007). Her early research focused on the development of radio-pharmaceutical compounds designed to facilitate the external detection and visualization of targeted organs utilizing standard nuclear medicine scanning technologies. More recently, Professor Otto has focused her scholarly efforts on science education reform. She played an instrumental role in successfully obtaining research funding from the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. Her teaching focused on K-8 science education and she was actively involved in the Inquiry Institute, a group dedicated to K-12 science education reform. Professor Otto received numerous honors including UM-Dearborn's Distinguished Faculty Research Award (1987), the State of Michigan Teaching Award (1990), and the Michigan Association of Governing Boards Award (1991).

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator for her dedicated service by naming **Charlotte A. Otto professor emerita of chemistry and professor emerita of education.**

Requested by:



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