

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Lois L. Alexander, Ph.D., professor of music in the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2021.

Professor Alexander received her Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University in 1992. She joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as a lecturer of music in 1987. She was appointed an assistant professor of music in 1993, and was promoted to associate professor of music in 1998, and professor of music in 2015.

Professor Alexander is a respected euphonium player, conductor, composer and educator. As a euphonium player, her talents have been recognized with solo performances by multiple ensembles including the Moscow State Conservatory of Music, Togliatti (Russia) Musical Institute, Northern Illinois University, and locally with the Genesee Wind Symphony and Flint Symphonic Wind Ensemble. She has a long list of published compositions, most recently *Fanfare Coloroso* for brass choir. She has conducted ensembles at UM-Flint, the Flint School of Performing Arts, and for the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association. Professor Alexander brought the music of French composer Christian Manen to American audiences and musicians. Professor Alexander was a dedicated educator. She shepherded the Department of Music through many periods of growth and development, serving as chair for sixteen years. She directed ensembles and taught in many areas including music history, low brass applied music, music education, student teacher placement and observation, world music as well as other areas within the music discipline. Her teaching was recognized with the University of Michigan-Flint Teaching Excellence Award in 2015 and the Lawrence D. Kugler Academic Advisor Excellence Award in 2007. In addition, Professor Alexander served as department chair (1998-2001, 2002-13, 2019-21), member of the Executive Committee (1999-2002, 2005-08, 2012-14, 2015-18), chair of the Curriculum Committee (2007-10), and much more. She has served as a dedicated mentor and advisor to generations of music performers and educators.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Lois L. Alexander, professor emerita of music**.

Requested by:



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