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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

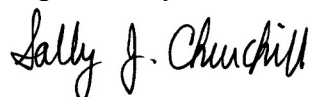
C. Kui-Bin Im, M.L.I.S., senior associate librarian in the Frances Willson Thompson Library, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2019.

C. Kui-Bin Im received her M.L.I.S. degree (1987) from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She joined the University of Michigan-Flint library as an assistant librarian in 1988, and was promoted to the rank of associate librarian in 1992, and senior associate librarian in 2001.

Ms. Im was responsible for providing reference service to the campus community in the library on a daily basis. She was the liaison librarian with the chemistry, computer science, geography, planning and environment, and mathematics departments, and later added the Department of Physics and Engineering to her responsibilities. She taught library instruction in the classroom to students in all academic departments. Her other major area of responsibility was as systems librarian, a role she began in 1992 and continued throughout her tenure at the university. Over the next 28 years, Ms. Im coordinated the construction of a new parallel digital infrastructure for the library, facilitating the migration from paper research tools and resources to the digital equivalent for the entire campus. Using the knowledge she gained as a reference librarian, Ms. Im created and sustained the resources built on this new infrastructure, work that continues to be essential to this day. Given the need to be financially mindful, creating a new infrastructure from the ground up was challenging. Ms. Im partnered with the campus ITS department, the Thompson Library librarians, and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor librarians to provide access to an increasing number of electronic academic resources. Her impact on the Thompson Library and the University of Michigan-Flint is considerable, and worthy of recognition.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian by naming **C. Kui-Bin Im, senior associate librarian emerita**.

Requested by:



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