THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Jonathan D. Trobe, M.D., Kenneth H. Musson M.D. and Patricia M. Musson Research Professor, professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences, professor of neurology, professor of neurosurgery and section head, neuro-ophthalmology, ophthalmology and visual sciences in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on January 6, 2023.

Dr. Trobe received his undergraduate education in June of 1964 from Harvard University and his M.D. degree in June of 1968 from Harvard Medical School. He completed additional training at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center, Chicago, IL, Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, and the University of Miami, Miami, FL. Dr. Trobe joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1986 as a professor in ophthalmology and neurosurgery. He also joined the Department of Neurology at the University of Michigan in 1986 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1990, and professor in 1996.

Dr. Trobe is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology in 1973 and the American Board of Neurology and Psychiatry in 1987. He has published more than 200 peer-reviewed scientific and review articles and has authored eight textbooks and co-authored 6 textbooks in ophthalmology and neuro-ophthalmology and two educational websites. He served as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Neuro-Ophthalmology (2001-2009), associate editor of neuro-ophthalmology for UpToDate and Neurology Medlink, and a referee on prominent medical journals. He has been a principal investigator on several grant-supported projects and received nine teaching awards from 1997-2020, including the prestigious Kaiser Permanente Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching in 2013.

Dr. Trobe is an internationally acclaimed authority in neuro-ophthalmology across all missions. He has pioneered “flipped classroom” education in neuro-ophthalmology while defining the standard of care for multiple clinical conditions. We are delighted that as an active emeritus he will continue to teach and develop innovative approaches for educating future generations of eye care specialists in the critical thinking that underlies clinical expertise in this challenging area.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Jonathan D. Trobe, professor emeritus of ophthalmology and visual sciences and professor emeritus of neurology.

Requested by:

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