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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

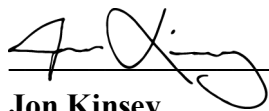
**Peter J. Polverini, D.D.S., D.M.Sc.**, former dean, Jonathan Taft Distinguished University Professor of Dentistry, professor of dentistry, School of Dentistry, and professor of pathology, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on January 31, 2026.

Dr. Polverini received a bachelor's degree in biology and a D.D.S. from Marquette University. He completed specialty training in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and was awarded the Doctor of Medical Sciences degree from Harvard University. He has held faculty appointments at the University of Pittsburgh, Northwestern University, and the University of Minnesota where he served as professor and dean of the School of Dentistry.

Professor Polverini is a distinguished scholar in the fields of vascular biology and cancer biology. He is an accomplished mentor, scholar, motivator, and seasoned administrator who has fostered innovation in dental education by promoting scholarship and scientific rigor. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, a recipient of the Distinguished Scientist Award in Oral Medicine and Pathology from the International Association for Dental Research, the Birnberg Award for Excellence in Dental Research from the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, and the Goldhaber Award for national and international contributions to teaching and research in oral health science from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Marquette University School of Dentistry and the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and the William J. Gies Award for Outstanding Vision by a Dental Educator from the American Dental Education Association Gies Foundation. Professor Polverini is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, past president of the American Association for Dental Research, and former Health Policy Fellow at the University of Michigan's Center for Healthcare Research and Transformation. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Peter J. Polverini, dean emeritus of the School of Dentistry, Jonathan Taft Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Dentistry, professor emeritus of dentistry, and professor emeritus of pathology.**

**Requested by:**



**Jon Kinsey**  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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