

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents

March 20, 2008

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


James K. Coward, Ph.D., professor of medicinal chemistry in the College of Pharmacy and professor of chemistry in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2007.

Professor Coward received his A.B. degree from Middlebury College in 1960, his M.A. degree from Duke University in 1964, and his Ph.D. degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1967. He completed postdoctoral work at the University of California, Santa Barbara, from 1967-69 and was on the faculties of Yale University from 1969-79 and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) from 1979-86. During his tenure at RPI, Professor Coward chaired the School of Science Biochemistry Program (1980-86), was promoted to professor in 1982, and served as an adjunct professor of biochemistry at Albany Medical College from 1984-86. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1987 as professor of medicinal chemistry, College of Pharmacy, and professor of chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

A dedicated educator and outstanding scholar, Professor Coward has an international reputation for his work in the field of medicinal chemistry, utilizing organic chemistry to explore pharmacologically interesting biochemical problems. Among his numerous awards, he has been named an American Cancer Society Scholar in Cancer Research and a fellow in the Chemical Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has served on NIH study sections and NSF panels, and on the editorial boards of several prestigious journals. As the first chair of the Department of Medicinal Chemistry (2000-2004) and director of the Interdepartmental Program in Medicinal Chemistry (1998-2004), Professor Coward's leadership and dedication to professional and graduate education enhanced the reputation of the College of Pharmacy as one of the top pharmacy schools in the country.

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator for his dedicated service by naming **James K. Coward professor emeritus of medicinal chemistry and professor emeritus of chemistry.**

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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