

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death
Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **William Grosky, Ph.D.**, professor of computer and information science in the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Engineering and Computer Science. Professor Grosky died on November 13, 2020.

Professor Grosky received his B.S. (1965) degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, his M.S. (1968) degree from Brown University, and his Ph.D. (1971) degree from Yale University. During his nearly 45 years in academia, 25 of them at Wayne State University, he rose steadily through the professional ranks, and from 1995-2000 he served as interim chair of the Department of Computer Science at Wayne State University. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as a professor in 2001 and served as chair of the Department of Computer and Information Science from 2001-17.

Professor Grosky was a highly respected educator and scholar as well as an incredible friend and colleague. He served on many university, college, and department committees and directed over 40 masters and doctoral thesis projects. His time as chair demonstrated his dedication to advancing the department and the college; he played an instrumental role in shaping the curriculum and current degree programs. In particular, he was the architect of the BS-DATA and Ph.D.-CIS programs. Professor Grosky's research efforts resulted in more than 30 sponsored grants and over 160 publications in books, refereed journals, and conference proceedings. He was a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and served as editor, associate editor, or editorial board member for several professional journals. He also served on the organizing or program committees for over 680 conferences/workshops. Professor Grosky was a consultant to public and private agencies ranging from Argonne National Laboratories and the City of Detroit, to Ford Motor Company and GMC Truck and Coach. His passion and dedication will be greatly missed.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, relatives, and friends.

Requested by:



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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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