THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

James H. Ellis, M.D., William Martel Collegiate Professor of Radiology, professor of radiology, and professor of urology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2022.

Dr. Ellis received his B.S. degree in mathematics with honors in 1973 and his M.D. degree cum laude in 1978, both from the University of Michigan. He was a resident in diagnostic radiology from 1978-82 and assistant professor of radiology from 1982-84 at Indiana University's School of Medicine. Dr. Ellis joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1984, and was promoted to associate professor in 1989, and professor in 1996. He was named the William Martel Collegiate Professor of Radiology in 2017.

An exceptional teacher, scholar, and leader, Dr. Ellis held several key administrative positions within the department of radiology. He was chief of the radiology service at the affiliated Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Medical Center from 1984-87, the first division director of the newly created abdomen division in the radiology department at the University Hospital from 1987-92, and clinical director of the department of radiology from 1992-98. He was the inaugural associate chair for information technology in the Department of Radiology from 1998-2017; under his leadership, the department expanded a limited Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) to serve the entire department, instituted a web-based PACS for enterprise image viewing, began speech-recognition transcription of radiology reports, and switched from a paper-driven to a paperless workflow. He authored or co-authored 179 peer-reviewed publications and has lectured nationally and internationally in uroradiology and radiologic contrast materials. In 1995, he co-created a continuing simulation course to teach radiology residents about contrast materials and their adverse effects. He taught uroradiology to medical students and to residents in radiology and urology, receiving a number of departmental teaching awards. He was elected a fellow of the American College of Radiology in 1988, the Society of Uroradiology in 1995, and the Society of Abdominal Radiology in 2012. Dr. Ellis was awarded the Gold Medal from the Society of Abdominal Radiology in 2020.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, researcher, and administrator by naming James H. Ellis, professor emeritus of radiology.

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