

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

Adopted by the Regents
April 21, 2011

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 **Robert L. Frost, Ph.D.**, associate professor of information in the School of Information. Professor Frost died on March 26, 2011, after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 58 years old.

Professor Frost received his B.A degree from Grinnell College in 1974, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1978 and 1983, respectively. A devoted, energetic, and beloved teacher throughout his academic career, between 1983 and 1995, he taught at Carthage College, Wabash College, American University, and the State University of New York at Albany. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1995 as a visiting associate professor of history, and moved to the School of Information in 2000. He was promoted to associate professor in 2003.

In 2006, Professor Frost and his wife, Professor Margaret Hedstrom, established the Frost Open Access Fund at the School of Information by donating copyright royalties from the estate of his great-grandfather, poet Robert Frost, to support open access to scholarly and artistic works.

Professor Frost will be greatly missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and students, and will be remembered for his forthright manner, his deep concern for the welfare of others, and his unwavering commitment to teaching. As we mourn the loss of this dedicated faculty member, we send our condolences to his wife, Margaret Hedstrom.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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