

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Bonnie L. Metzger, Ph.D.**, professor of nursing in the School of Nursing, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2009.

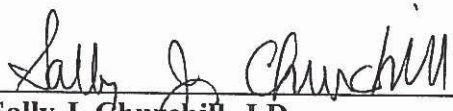
Professor Metzger received her B.S.N. and M.N. degrees from the University of Washington in 1965 and 1969, respectively, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1982. She joined the University of Michigan School of Nursing as an assistant professor in 1983, and was promoted to associate professor in 1986 and professor in 2002.

Professor Metzger's research focused on the interaction between life-style factors such as exercise and nutrition and cognitive processes, and how these relationships affect behavior. She investigated the interactive effects of genetic predisposition for obesity and exercise and diet on cardiovascular risk in both genders. This new knowledge led to a greater understanding of how lifestyle changes can be individualized to more effectively reduce cardiovascular risk. Professor Metzger developed and taught courses on genetics and health disparities, neuroscience, and neurobehavior. She was a generous and active mentor of numerous doctoral students and of post-doctoral, junior, and mid-level faculty members and supervised sizeable numbers of master's student research papers and doctoral dissertations.

In addition to her teaching and research contributions to the School of Nursing, Professor Metzger served as the acting director of the Doctoral Program from 1991-92 and as the director of the Division of Acute, Critical, and Long-Term Care Programs from 1992-98. She was instrumental in the development of the Center for Enhancement and Restoration of Cognitive Functions, a Center of Excellence within the School of Nursing which served as an intellectual hub to support scientists in the area of cognitive functioning and health. Professor Metzger was the first faculty ombud at the University of Michigan; she developed the role at the University level and was highly successful in fostering mediated solutions to faculty concerns and conflicts.

The Regents now salute this distinguished nursing educator for her dedicated service by naming **Bonnie L. Metzger professor emerita of nursing**.

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