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Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

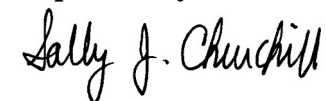
Vahid Lotfi, Ph.D., professor of management science in the University of Michigan-Flint School of Management, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2020.

Professor Lotfi received his B.S. (1976), M.S. (1980), and Ph.D. (1981) degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He served as a visiting assistant professor of industrial engineering (1981-82) and an assistant professor of management science and systems (1982-90) at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an associate professor in 1990 and was promoted to professor in 1995.

During his 30-year tenure at the University of Michigan-Flint, Professor Lotfi held a number of key leadership positions, including interim director of the Flint Information Technology Services (1996-99), executive director of the Flint Information Technology Services (1999-2001), associate provost and dean of graduate programs (2001-11), and senior vice provost and dean of graduate programs (2011-17). He also served as interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs (2007-08, 2009-10), and as acting dean of the School of Management (2010-13). As acting dean, he was instrumental in relocating the School of Management to its current home at the Riverfront Building. As vice provost, he founded online learning on the Flint campus, expanded the use of technology, and increased collaboration with local K-12 schools. As dean of graduate programs, he significantly increased graduate program offerings, including assisting with the development of several new master's and doctoral degree programs. Professor Lotfi's research focused on multiple criteria decision making and predictive modeling with application in health care services. He authored and co-authored over 40 scholarly publications and published three books. His co-authored volume *Redundancy in Mathematical Programming: A State of the Art Survey* (1983) has been cited over 200 times and is widely considered path breaking in the field of mathematical programming.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Vahid Lotfi, professor emeritus of management science**.

Requested by:



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