

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death

Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

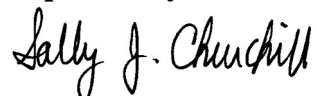
The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **Kent Jeffrey Sheets, Ph.D.**, professor of family medicine and professor of learning health sciences in the Medical School. Professor Sheets died March 16, 2020.

Professor Sheets received his B.A. (1975) and M.S.Ed. (1977) degrees from Purdue University and his Ph.D. (1983) degree from Michigan State University. He served as an instructor and director of telecommunications services at Sienna Heights College in Adrian, Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1982, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1986, associate professor in 1992, and professor in 2008.

As the director of educational development, Professor Sheets played an instrumental role in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the department's educational programs for medical students, residents, and faculty. He also directed the Family Medicine Faculty Development Institute, a program for family medicine faculty and senior residents from Michigan and northwest Ohio. His was extensively involved in a number of professional organizations as a leader and popular speaker (115 presentations), published 31 peer-reviewed articles, and authored five book chapters. He served as a consultant for over 20 U.S. medical schools. The Society of Teachers of Family Medicine recognized him with an Excellence in Education Award in 2008. In the Medical School, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award in Medical Education in 2014 and was named an inaugural member of the League of Educational Excellence in 2013. His intellectual enthusiasm for medical education was equaled by his personal commitment to his students, many of whom regarded him as a mentor and friend. As Professor Sheets' colleague Carol R. Bradford, executive vice dean for academic affairs, said, "Dr. Sheets will be missed in countless ways. We remember his smile, his hearty laugh, and the direct ways he pushed colleagues to keep doing their job, and reminding us that at some point, baseball season will begin."

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his brothers, David and John, and his many loving relatives and friends.

Requested by:



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