THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Kristina D. Hansen, Ph.D., associate professor of mathematics in the University of Michigan-Flint College of Arts and Sciences, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2021.

Professor Hansen received her B.A. (1973) degree from Coe College and her M.A. (1976) and Ph.D. (1981) degrees from the University of Iowa. She joined the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor as a postdoc in the Department of Mathematics in 1981 and then joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1984. She was promoted to associate professor of mathematics with tenure in 1989.

Professor Hansen was a dedicated teacher of mathematics, notable for her concern for her students and their academic success, and the time and energy she devoted to them. Professor Hansen’s professional area of expertise was real division algebras. She was a long-time member of the UM-Flint’s Department of Mathematics division algebra seminar, which produced a steady stream of results and publications. Professor Hansen was active and influential in UM-Flint’s faculty governance in a variety of roles, particularly as chair of the Department of Mathematics. She served as secretary to the College of Arts and Science faculty from 1993-2017, as editor of the University of Michigan-Flint Catalog for even more years, and on innumerable faculty standing committees, ad hoc committees, and task forces not only in the college but across the university. For all these contributions, she was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the university in 2007.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Kristina D. Hansen, associate professor emerita of mathematics.

Requested by:

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