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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

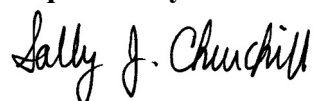
Suzanne M. Selig, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.S.W., professor of public health and health sciences in the University of Michigan-Flint College of Health Sciences, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2021.

Professor Selig received her B.A. (1968) degree from the University of Florida, her M.A. (1970) degree from the University of Maine, her Ph.D. (1976) degree from the University of Cincinnati, her M.P.H. (1978) degree from The Johns Hopkins University, and her M.S.W. (1990) degree from the University of Michigan. Professor Selig joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor and director of health care programs in the College of Arts and Sciences in 1980. She was promoted to associate professor in 1985 and professor in 1991. Professor Selig was integral to the establishment of the School of Health Sciences in 1982 and served as its coordinator from 1982-98. From 1980-2017, Professor Selig served as director of what is now the Department of Public Health and Health Sciences.

Professor Selig's leadership in teaching, research and service was laudable. Upon hire, Professor Selig was charged to develop and institute health programs on the Flint campus. As department director, Professor Selig established undergraduate programs in health education (which later transitioned into public health), healthcare administration, anesthesia (with Hurley Medical Center), environmental health, clinical laboratory sciences, radiation therapy, and respiratory therapy. She also established master's degrees in health education and public health. And, in continued collaboration with Hurley Medical Center, she developed the anesthesia program into a master's degree, now a Doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia. Her skillful administrative leadership of the newly established department and school provided a solid base upon which to build nationally accredited and recognized programs in the health sector of higher education. She worked tirelessly to advance public health within the Flint community throughout her career. Her research and community service focused on promoting health equity, reducing health disparities in infant mortality, and promoting social justice. She was committed to increasing cultural competence both on and off the Flint campus through her teaching and scholarship, including training of premedical and medical residents throughout the region. In collaboration with Flint community partners, she launched a widely heralded, accessible educational series during the peak of the Flint Water Crisis for the Flint community. In addition to her substantial contributions to service in the community, Professor Selig's unflinching devotion to the success of the University of Michigan-Flint campus was embodied in the many significant faculty leadership roles she held throughout her long career.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Suzanne M. Selig, professor emerita of public health and health sciences.**

Requested by:



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