

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Lennard A. Fisk, Ph.D.**, Thomas M. Donahue Distinguished University Professor of Space Science and professor of climate and space sciences and engineering in the College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2022.

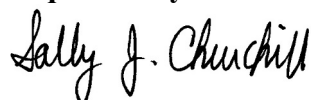
Professor Fisk received his A.B. degree in physics from Cornell University (1965) and his Ph.D. degree in applied physics from the University of California, San Diego (1969). He was a National Academy of Sciences post-doctoral fellow at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center (1969-71) and an astrophysicist at GSFC (1971-77). Dr. Fisk joined the faculty of the Department of Physics of the University of New Hampshire in 1977, became director of research (1982), and vice president for research and financial affairs (1984). In 1987, Dr. Fisk became the NASA associate administrator for space science and applications. Professor Fisk joined the University of Michigan faculty as chair and professor in 1993. In 2003, he received the title of Thomas M. Donahue Collegiate Professor of Space Science, and in 2006, he became the Thomas M. Donahue Distinguished University Professor of Space Science.

Professor Fisk is the author of 242 publications on energetic particle and plasma phenomena in space. He is known for his innovative theories that explain challenging new observations of the composition and acceleration of energetic particles, the behavior of the magnetic field of the Sun and the interaction of the solar system with the local interstellar medium. His approach to research, always seeking an innovative explanation, always being sure to address all aspects of a research problem, have served as an inspiration to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

Professor Fisk is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the International Academy of Astronautics; he is a foreign member of Academia Europaea and a fellow of the American Geophysical Union. He was elected president of COSPAR in 2014; he is a co-founder of the Michigan Aerospace Corporation; he was a director of the Orbital-ATK Corporation (1993-2018). He is the recipient of numerous awards including the NASA Distinguished Service Medal (1992) and the NASA Exceptional Public Service Medal (2008); and from the U-M, the Atwood Award (2007) and the Henry Russel Lectureship (2009).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Lennard A. Fisk, Thomas M. Donahue Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Space Science and professor emeritus of climate and space sciences and engineering.**

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

**May 2022**