

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Linda Goodrich, B.F.A.**, professor of dance in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2023.

Professor Goodrich received her B.F.A degree in dance from the University of Michigan (1985) and was a James B. Angell Scholar. Like other musical theatre faculty, her relevant education and training happened outside of the academy. She has worked continuously in the field since her graduation, first as a performer on Broadway and in major regional theatres, and then, as a choreographer and director. Professor Goodrich served as a guest lecturer in the Department of Musical Theatre at New York University's Steinhardt School from 1994-1996. The School of Music, Theatre & Dance recruited Professor Goodrich in 1996 to join our faculty in the Department of Musical Theatre as an assistant professor. She was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2002 and professor in 2021.

Professor Goodrich has been a core member of the teaching faculty in the Department of Musical Theatre in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, one of the most highly recognized professional training programs in the United States. She teaches all levels of dance, junior performance, and senior acting classes. In addition, she directs and choreographs several on-campus productions annually for public performances in Ann Arbor. She guides and directs students participating in senior showcases in New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

Professor Goodrich is continually involved in creating new works. Her current project — *Walk On Through*, by alumnus Gavin Creel, was originally commissioned by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and will be enjoying an extended run in NYC in the fall. She has directed and choreographed throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan, and productions in important regional theaters around the U.S., including the Goodspeed Opera House (CT), the PaperMill Playhouse (NJ), TheatreWorks (CA), The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, The Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, as well as at Carnegie Hall and Radio City Music Hall in NYC.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Linda Goodrich, professor emerita of dance**.

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
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