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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

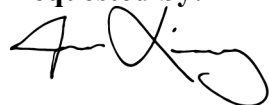
**Jerry D. Sanders, Ph.D.**, associate professor of biology in the College of Innovation and Technology, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2024.

Professor Sanders received his B.S. degree majoring in botany and zoology in 1979 and his M.S. degree in zoology in 1985 from East Texas State University. He earned his Ph.D. degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in 1994. He completed a postgraduate research fellowship in the Department of Pathology, Division Infectious Disease, University of California San Diego Medical Center. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1998, and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2006.

Professor Sanders is an authority in the field of microbiology in the classical sense, spanning a range of interests from applied and environmental microbiology to microbial pathogenesis. That diversity of interests is emphasized by research projects associated with microbial contamination of beaches and the microbial role in control of invasive aquatic vegetation. He co-authored two veterinary vaccine patents. Professor Sanders was equally passionate about student learning and the introduction of current research practices into the teaching environment. During the course of his career, he has taught 16 different courses ranging from a first-year experience course to graduate level courses in immunology and molecular biology. During his tenure he introduced students to the joys and challenges of research through projects within his research and teaching laboratories. While serving as department chair, he gained support for the development of the Bryer Research Laboratory. Professor Sanders was active in the University of Michigan-Flint chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and a proponent of the philosophy that academic freedom and shared faculty governance were necessary to the long-term health of the university. Professor Sanders presented “Modern Suppression of Freedom of Speech on Campus: Presentation, Risk Factors, and Outcomes” at the 2018 National AAUP meeting.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Jerry D. Sanders, associate professor emeritus of biology**.

**Requested by:**



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**Jon Kinsey**  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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