THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Nancy Uffner, M.A., clinical associate professor of theatre and drama in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2024.

Professor Uffner received an M.A. degree in theatre in 1985 from the University of Michigan and a B.S. degree in theatre and communication in 1979 from Eastern Michigan University. Professor Uffner has had several academic appointments throughout her career, including adjunct appointments at Northwestern University, Eastern Michigan University, and Mt. San Antonio Community College. Professor Uffner joined the University of Michigan in 1995 as adjunct lecturer & production stage manager in the Department of Theatre & Drama, in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance (SMTD). She was then promoted to clinical assistant professor of theatre & drama in 2018 and clinical associate professor of theatre & drama in 2021.

Professor Uffner is a proud, longtime member of Actors' Equity Association, the labor union representing American actors and stage managers in theatre. Her regional theatre stage management work includes the MUNY, Weston Playhouse Theatre Company, Lythgoe Family Panto, Goodspeed Musicals, Music Theatre Wichita, the U-M Festival of New Works, Goodman Theatre, Steppenwolf, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Chicago Opera Theatre, Virginia Stage Co., Baltimore's Center Stage, Granbury Opera House, and Cherry County Playhouse. Her national tour experience includes *All Shook Up, Fame*, Ken Hill's *Phantom of the Opera, South Pacific* with the late Robert Goulet, and *Camelot* with the late Richard Harris. She has worked locally with the Peter Sparling Dance Company and with various music and corporate events. She has recently renewed her interest in dance stage management working with Complexions Contemporary Ballet and the Grand Rapids Ballet. In addition to Actors Equity Association, Professor Uffner is a member of the Stage Managers' Association, and the United States Institute of Theatre Technology where she was recently honored with the USITT Distinguished Achievement Award for Education.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Nancy Uffner, clinical associate professor emerita of theatre and drama.

Requested by:

Jon Kinsey

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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