

The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

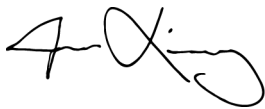
Henry Y. Wang, Ph.D., professor of chemical engineering in the College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on May 24, 2026.

Professor Wang received his B.S.E. degree in chemical engineering from Iowa State University (1972). He received his S.M. degree (1974) and his Ph.D. degree (1977) in biochemical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1979, and was promoted to associate professor in 1984, and to professor in 1989. Professor Wang was a distinguished senior scientist at Michigan Biotechnology Institute (MBI) from 1986-1994 and he was later the director and founder of InterPro, a pharmaceutical engineering program, at the University of Michigan from 2000-2011.

Professor Wang's research in biopharmaceutical engineering has focused on creating better, safer, and more affordable medicines by developing advanced technologies for drug and vaccine production, especially during global health emergencies. He has worked on making bioprocessing more sustainable by designing eco-friendly methods that turn renewable materials into useful products, like biofuels and specialty chemicals. By integrating chemical and biological processes with the latest manufacturing techniques, Professor Wang's research has supported both global health innovation and environmental sustainability, helping to bring important medical solutions and greener manufacturing practices to the world.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Henry Y. Wang, professor emeritus in chemical engineering.**

Requested by:



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