

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Carolyn M. Gillespie, M.F.A., professor of theatre in the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2011.

Professor Gillespie received her B.A. degree from Marquette University in 1970, and her M.F.A. degree from Stanford University in 1973. From 1975-87, she was a faculty member at the University of Texas at Dallas. She joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an associate professor in 1987, and was promoted to professor in 2002.

Professor Gillespie led the way in shaping the acting and directing program at the University of Michigan-Flint. She directed 54 productions at the University of Michigan-Flint, Oakland University, Michigan State University, the University of Dallas, and the Michigan Shakespeare Festival. Her acting credits include 18 roles with major theatre companies. She was also active with the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, where she served on the national selection team, chaired the regional festival for three years, and directed the National Irene Ryan Evening of Scenes at the Kennedy Center. Professor Gillespie is the recipient of many professional awards, including the Kennedy Center Gold Medallion for Excellence in Theatre Education, the Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Senior Faculty Award in 2006, the Dorothea E. Wyatt Award in 2005, and the Teaching Excellence Award in 1995.

Professor Gillespie served multiple terms on the College of Arts and Sciences Executive Committee, chaired the Department of Theatre and Dance (1990-93 and 1995-2000), served as co-chair of the General Education Reform Committee, and chaired or served on numerous search committees, scholarship awards committees, and advisory committees. She was instrumental in developing the department's first assessment plan and in shaping rubrics for its performance program. She developed the Speech Teacher Certification Program in 1997.

The Regents now salute this faculty member for her dedicated service by naming **Carolyn M. Gillespie professor emerita of theatre.**

Requested by:



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