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Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

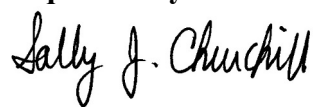
Fritz A. Kaenzig, M.M., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and professor of music in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2020.

Professor Kaenzig received his B.M.E (1974) degree from The Ohio State University and his M.M. (1975) degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He taught on the faculties of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Northern Iowa. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as associate professor in 1989 and was promoted to professor in 1995. Professor Kaenzig is a past president of the Tubists Universal Brotherhood Association, now known as the International Tuba Euphonium Association, and currently serves on its Board of Advisors.

Professor Kaenzig served as principal tubist of the Florida Symphony Orchestra and as additional or substitute tubist with Amsterdam's Concertgebouw Orchestra and the symphony orchestras of Detroit, San Francisco, Houston, Chicago, Los Angeles, and St. Louis, under such conductors as Bernstein, Haitink, Leinsdorf, Ozawa, Salonen, Slatkin, and Dudamel. He recorded and performed as a soloist with several of these orchestras, as well as appearing as a soloist with the U.S. Air Force and Navy Bands. In May of 2019, he performed as substitute principal tubist of the Chicago Symphony, where he received a solo bow from music director, Riccardo Muti. From 1984-2018, Professor Kaenzig was principal tubist in the Grant Park (Chicago) Orchestra during summers, which played to capacity audiences after moving to the Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park in 2005. He performed in ensembles backing up artists as widely varied as Alan Ginsberg, Luciano Pavarotti, and the Moody Blues. As a guest instructor, recitalist, soloist with ensembles, and adjudicator, Professor Kaenzig has made appearances at many high schools, colleges, universities, conferences, and music camps throughout the United States, Korea, and Japan. He performed five summers as the tubist in the Sarasota Music Festival, and was a fellowship member of the Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra. His students have performed in major orchestras in this country and Japan, as well as holding professorships at many universities. Professor Kaenzig is the recipient of the following distinguished awards: SMTD's Harold Haugh Award (1999), The Ohio State University School of Music's Distinguished Alumnus Award (2012), and the International Tuba Euphonium Association's Teaching Award (2019).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Fritz A. Kaenzig, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor Emeritus and professor emeritus of music.**

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