

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

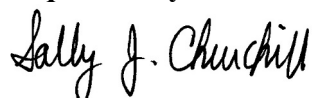
Gordon L. Amidon, Ph.D., William I. Higuchi Distinguished University Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Professor of Pharmacy, and professor of pharmaceutical sciences in the College of Pharmacy, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2021.

Professor Amidon received his B.S. (1967) degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and his M.A. (1970) and Ph.D. (1971) degrees from the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Wisconsin in 1971, where he achieved tenure (1976) and became an assistant dean for educational planning and policy, before leaving for a subsidiary of Merck & Co. in 1981. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in 1983. He was named the Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Professor of Pharmacy in 1994 and the William I. Higuchi Distinguished University Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2017.

Professor Amidon is very possibly the most widely recognized and influential pharmaceutical scientist in the world today. His visionary leadership and scientific accomplishments have significantly impacted pharmaceutical products and have defined the way in which pharmaceutical scientists and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approach oral drug absorption, drug solubility, intestinal permeability, and generic drug equivalency. Among his numerous awards are the highest honors given by several professional societies, including the American Pharmaceutical Association's Ebert Prize (1975, 1981, 1984), the Controlled Release Society's Founders Award (2003), the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Volwiler Research Achievement Award (2004), the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists' Meritorious Manuscript Award (2004) and the Distinguished Pharmaceutical Scientist Award (2005), the Swedish Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences' Scheele Award (1996), the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science's Takeru Higuchi Award (2012), the Federation Internationale Pharmaceutique's Distinguished Science Award (2006), and the Canadian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences' Lifetime Achievement Award (2018). He authored over 400 scientific articles and book chapters and mentored over 120 graduate students and postdoctoral trainees, who have successful careers all over the world. He served as president of two major professional societies, founded his own company, and was founder/editor-in-chief of the international journal *Molecular Pharmaceutics*, among many other illustrious achievements.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Gordon L. Amidon, William I. Higuchi Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Professor Emeritus of Pharmacy, and professor emeritus of pharmaceutical sciences.**

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