

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Michael D. Gordon, Ph.D., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and professor of business administration in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2021.

Professor Gordon received his A.B. (1974), M.S. (1981), and Ph.D. (1984) degrees from the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1984, and was promoted to associate professor in 1991, and professor in 1998. Professor Gordon was named an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in 2000. He served as the associate dean of information technology from 2002-05. In addition, he served as chair of the Computer Information Systems and Business Information Technology areas for many years.

Professor Gordon's research and teaching focused most recently on how business can address societal problems to create sustainable, impactful benefits in the areas of poverty, healthcare, education, and the environment. He is the author of three books on social entrepreneurship, and has another in process on using money as a tool for societal good. He mentored social entrepreneurs around the world and, more generally, supported the rising generation of changemakers. He originally did research in the area of information technology, winning awards for technological innovations (with his work as an "information champion" and "new hero" being housed in the Smithsonian Institution).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Michael D. Gordon, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor Emeritus and professor emeritus of business administration.**

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