THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Larry D. Gruppen, Ph.D., professor of learning health sciences in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2023.

Dr. Gruppen attended the University of Michigan where he received his M.A. (1980) and Ph.D. in psychology (1987) respectively. Upon receiving his Ph.D., Dr. Gruppen was appointed to the rank of research investigator in the Department of Postgraduate Medicine and Health Professions Education. In 1988, he was promoted to assistant research scientist, Dr. Gruppen retained this title through 1995 at which time he was promoted to associate research scientist. In 1997, the Department of Postgraduate Medicine and Health Profession Education was renamed the Department of Medical Education and Dr. Gruppen was promoted to the rank of associate professor without tenure/senior associate research scientist. In 2000, Dr. Gruppen was again promoted to both senior research scientist and professor without tenure; however, tenure was granted to Dr. Gruppen in 2001. He retained the title senior research scientist until 2008.

Dr. Gruppen is an outstanding faculty member and evidence of his commitment to the University of Michigan lies in the fact that the entirety of his career has been dedicated to this institution. Throughout his tenure Dr. Gruppen held various administrative roles including assistant director, Office of Educational Resources and Research (1993-1997), director of the Medical Education Scholars Program (1997-2007), and director of the Office of Educational Resources and Research (1998-2003). In 2003, Dr. Gruppen was named chair of the Department of Medical Education and honored with the Josiah Macy, Jr. Professorship in Medical Education. He held this professorship throughout the duration of serving as chair of the department through 2013. Additionally, Dr. Gruppen founded the Master of Health Professions Education program in 2012 and has continued overseeing the direction of this program until such time as his retirement.

Dr. Gruppen was honored in 2014 by the University of Michigan with the Medical School League of Research Excellence, and in 2015 he was awarded the League of Educational Excellence. At the national level, in 2015 Dr. Gruppen was awarded the Merrel Flair Award in Medical Education by the Association of American Medical Colleges and the John P. Hubbard Award from the National Board of Medical Examiners.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Larry D. Gruppen, professor emeritus of learning health sciences.

Requested by:

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