

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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## ACTION REQUEST

July 21, 2006

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Gary R. Waissi, Ph.D.**, professor of operations research in the School of Management at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2006.

Professor Waissi received his Diplom-Ingenieur (M.S.E.) degree from the University of Technology Darmstadt in the former West Germany in 1975, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1985. He served as an adjunct lecturer in the College of Engineering in 1986 and later that year was appointed assistant professor in the UM-Dearborn School of Management. He was promoted to associate professor in 1992 and professor in 2000.

From 1995-98 Professor Waissi served as chair of the Department of Management Studies. He was interim dean of the School of Management from 1998-2000 and served as dean from 2000-05. Under his leadership, the school experienced significant programmatic and enrollment growth, developing a web-based MBA curriculum, five new graduate degrees, twelve new program concentrations and international partnerships with universities in Italy, Spain, France, and Hong Kong. The school also achieved accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

Professor Waissi's research led to publications in the areas of linear network optimization, unifying probability density functions, and maximum flow problems in linear programming. He was recognized by students as a challenging faculty member, always sensitive to students' needs.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar for his dedicated service by naming **Gary R. Waissi professor emeritus of operations research**.

**Requested by:**

  
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Sally J. Churchill  
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