

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Sun-Kee Kim, Ph.D., associate professor of cell and developmental biology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2012.

Professor Kim received his B.S. degree from Yon-sei University, Seoul, Korea in 1960, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Rochester in 1964 and 1970, respectively. He was a member of the research staff at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System from 1968-97. Professor Kim joined the University of Michigan Medical School as a research associate in 1971, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1974, and associate professor in 1981.

Professor Kim's research concentrated on the cell biology of exocrine glands, using the parotid salivary gland as a model system, and emphasized defining the age-related changes in the structure and function of secretory cells. His research resulted in publications and presentations at national and international meetings and symposia, and he led several conference sessions as co-chair at national and international meetings on salivary gland research. He served on research-related committees at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center and as research advisor to undergraduate, medical and dental students. An enthusiastic and dedicated teacher in histology, anatomy, and cell biology, he has received multiple awards recognizing his teaching excellence. He was instrumental in establishing the histology course web site, and converting a course in histology to one based on virtual microscopy. He served on departmental and Medical School committees, and as the histology course director (1997-2006), and sequence coordinator (2003-08), of the first year medical curriculum.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and researcher for his dedicated service by naming **Sun-Kee Kim associate professor emeritus of cell and developmental biology**.

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