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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

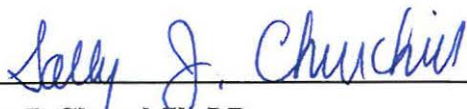
**Swatantra Kumar Kachhal, Ph.D.**, professor of industrial and systems engineering in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2016.

Professor Kachhal received his B.S. (1964) degree from M.S. College, his B.E. (1968) degree from the Indian Institute of Technology and his M.S. (1971) and Ph.D. (1974) degrees from the University of Minnesota. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an instructor in 1973, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1974, associate professor in 1978, and professor in 1987. He served as chair of the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering from 1985-2009.

Professor Kachhal's teaching and research focused on the fields of health care systems and facilities design. He is nationally recognized for his work in healthcare engineering. Professor Kachhal served as a consultant for a number of organizations, including the American Suppliers Institute, the Chrysler Corporation, the Corning Glass Works, the Ford Motor Company, and the Henry Ford Health System. He was actively involved in a number of professional societies, including the Institute of Industrial Engineers, the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society, the Society of Health Systems, and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. A well regarded and highly effective teacher, Professor Kachhal excelled in developing innovative curricula and teaching stimulating courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He received a number of awards, including the UM-Dearborn's Distinguished Teaching Award (1977), the Michigan Association of Governing Boards for Higher Education's Distinguished Faculty Award (1984), the UM-Dearborn Alumni Society's Faculty Member of the Year Award (2004), and the UM-Dearborn's Distinguished Service Award (2015).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Swatantra Kumar Kachhal, professor emeritus of industrial and systems engineering.**

**Requested by:**

  
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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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