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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: **Report of Faculty Retirement**

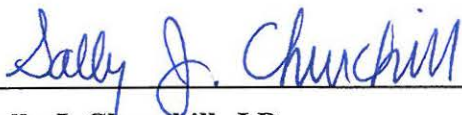**Action Requested:**   **Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

James W. Knight, Ph.D., associate professor of industrial and manufacturing systems engineering in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2016.

Professor Knight received his B.S. (1969) degree from Ohio University and his M.S. (1971) and Ph.D. (1977) degrees from The Ohio State University. He served as an assistant professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia from 1977-82 and as a research engineer at Ford Motor Company from 1982-84. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an adjunct assistant professor in 1982, and was promoted to associate professor in 1984.

Professor Knight's area of expertise focused on the design and analysis of experiments; experiential and integrative learning methods in engineering education; and human factors and ergonomics. He taught several innovative undergraduate and graduate courses, including the Design and Analysis of Experiments, Engineering Probability and Statistics, Human Performance Engineering in Manufacturing, and Statistical Methods for Process Improvement. He was a member of a number of professional associations, including the American Statistical Association, the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, and the Institute of Industrial Engineers. Professor Knight also made substantial service contributions at the department, college and campus levels as well as served as the faculty advisor of the University of Michigan-Deaborn's Alpha Pi Mu honor society for industrial engineering students.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **James W. Knight, associate professor emeritus of industrial and manufacturing systems engineering**.

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