THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Roberta Fuller, Ph.D., professor of biological chemistry in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2021.

Professor Fuller received her B.S. degree from Yale University in 1978 and her Ph.D. degree from Stanford University in 1984. Professor Fuller was an assistant professor at Stanford University from 1987-94. Professor Fuller joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1994, and was promoted to professor in 1999.

Professor Fuller’s research focused on proteolytic processing and protein localization in the secretory pathway. This research resulted in numerous multi-year NIH-funded grants, over 60 peer-reviewed publications, chapters in books and presentations at international meetings. A gifted teacher, Professor Fuller gave lectures for multiple courses including Biolchem 415/515 (Introduction to Biochemistry) Biolchem 578 (Biochemical Techniques), Biolchem 596 (Critical Analysis), Biolchem 452 (Biochemistry II), and most recently co-directed Biolchem 675 (Biochemistry and Cell Biology of Membranes and Organelles) with Dr. Phyllis Hanson. She served as both director and co-director of the Cell and Molecular Biology Ph.D. Program over the course of 17 years. Dr. Fuller also served as the associate chair for the Department of Biological Chemistry from 2000-07. An exceptional mentor, she served on numerous thesis committees and mentored many undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral students. Administratively, she participated in multiple departmental committees in the Department of Biological Chemistry and the Department of Cellular and Molecular Biology. She received the Faculty Recognition Award from the University of Michigan in 2000 and the Distinguished Scientist Award from the Society for the Advancement of Chicano/Hispanic and Native American Scientist (SACNAS) in 2017.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Roberta Fuller, professor emerita of biological chemistry.

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