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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

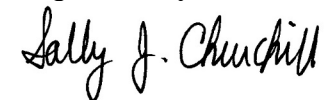
**Susan Rosegrant, M.A.**, lecturer IV in the Residential College in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active status on May 31, 2022.

Ms. Rosegrant received her B.A. in Chinese Language and Literature from the University of Michigan (UM) in 1976 and a Master of Arts in Journalism from Stanford University in 1978. In 2008, Ms. Rosegrant was hired as a lecturer in the Residential College (RC) to teach in the Creative Writing and Literature and First-Year Seminar programs. She was appointed to the Lecturer III title in 2016 and became a Lecturer IV in 2020.

Ms. Rosegrant taught narrative journalism in the RC's First-Year Seminar program for 14 years and served as program head from 2016 until her retirement. This program satisfies the first-year writing requirement and introduces students to the RC teaching philosophy. Ms. Rosegrant was instrumental in expanding awareness of incoming student needs and coordinating with RC Academic Services and RC language programs to support first-year students. She also oversaw hiring and mentoring for the program during a period of rapid instructor turnover, primarily due to retirements. As an instructor in the Creative Writing Program, Ms. Rosegrant expanded offerings in creative non-fiction. Drawing on her journalism background, she taught one-on-one tutorials and courses on journalism and memoir writing; the memoir class filled quickly each year and brought attention to this important genre at a time when few instructors were teaching memoir. Her courses featured guided discussion, reading and analysis, rigorous peer editing and rewriting, and development of a community of writers. Ms. Rosegrant served as a thesis advisor for a few students each year. She was nominated for a Golden Apple award in 2017. She regularly served on the Executive Committee, the Curriculum Planning Committee, the Board on Academic Standing, and other RC committees. Ms. Rosegrant became a faculty advisor in 2015, a role that enabled her to mentor former and new students. In 2022, she received the Unsung Champion Advising Award from the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. Ms. Rosegrant is an accomplished birder and shared her enthusiasm with students and faculty, leading to unexpected connections and projects.

The Regents now salute this distinguished instructor and writer by naming **Susan Rosegrant, lecturer IV emerita in the Residential College**.

**Requested by:**



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