

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Hunson Kaz Soong, M.D.**, professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on July 1, 2022.

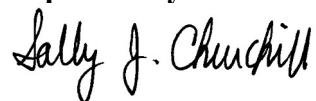
Dr. Soong received his B.S. (1971) degree in electrical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, M.S. (1974) in biomedical engineering and neurophysiology from Cornell University, and M.D. (1978) from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He completed his ophthalmology residency (1982) at Johns Hopkins University (Wilmer Eye Institute) and his cornea and external disease fellowship (1984) at Harvard Medical School (Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary).

Dr. Soong joined the ophthalmology faculty at the University of Michigan in 1984 as an Assistant Professor and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1989, and Professor in 2002. He served as Chief of the Cornea Service and Director of Corneal Post-Residency Fellowship. As Co-Director of International Ophthalmology, he has trained 27 visiting international fellows since 1986 (one of whom became the current President of the Brazilian Congress of Ophthalmology) and inaugurated the formal medical school exchange program with National Taiwan University. He was Assistant Editor of the journal *Cornea* and guest editor of *Current Opinion in Ophthalmology* and was the Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator in 29 grants. He is a pioneer in corneal cell response to applied steady electric fields, which has ramifications in wound healing and corneal development biology. He has 112 publications ranging from basic corneal cell biology to clinical ophthalmology. Dr. Soong's ophthalmology sub-specialty is cornea, external eye disease, and refractive surgery. He performs corneal transplantation, cataract surgery, and refractive surgery.

With over 42 years of ophthalmology experience, he lectures regularly to residents, medical students, and community ophthalmologists. He was visiting professor to 16 national and 4 international universities and eye hospitals, a keynote speaker at eye congress meetings in Brazil and Bulgaria, and moderator and course faculty at the annual meetings of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. Dr. Soong was the recipient of the American Academy of Ophthalmology Secretariat Award for his work in Haiti and has received the Senior Honor Award. As a gifted teacher, clinician, and mentor, he would like to be considered for active emeritus in order to continue his work with the cornea fellowship program, international ophthalmology, lecture to medical students and residents, and provide ad hoc backup clinical support at Kellogg Eye Center and its satellite facilities.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Hunson Kaz Soong, professor emeritus of ophthalmology and visual sciences**.

**Requested by:**



---

**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

**September 2022**