Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

David E. Smith, Ph.D., John G. Wagner Collegiate Professor of Pharmacy and professor of pharmaceutical sciences in the College of Pharmacy, retired from active faculty status on September 5, 2023.

David Smith received his B.S. degree in pharmacy in 1975 from the State University of New York at Buffalo and his Ph.D. degree in pharmaceutical chemistry in 1981 from the University of California, San Francisco. He joined the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy as an assistant professor in 1981, and was promoted to associate professor in 1986, and professor in 1997. He has been a member of the Rogel Cancer Center since 1991 and was a member of the Upjohn Center for Clinical Pharmacology (1991-2010). He was appointed chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences for ten years when the department was first established in 2000. He was named the John G. Wagner Collegiate Professor of Pharmacy 2008.

Professor Smith is an internationally recognized scientist, who has made many important scientific contributions, including those on the kinetic-dynamic relationship of loop diuretics, determinants of renal drug elimination, regional pharmacokinetics of anticancer drugs, and the molecular biology, physiology, and pharmacology of proton-coupled oligopeptide transporters. His work has had a significant impact on drug delivery, drug targeting, and pharmacokinetics of antibiotics. Professor Smith was selected as a fellow of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (1998) and as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (2012). He received the James R. Gillette Drug Metabolism and Disposition Best Paper Award from the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics on two separate occasions (2002 and 2008). In 2003, Professor Smith received both the College of Pharmacy’s Teaching Excellence Award and a Student Appreciation Award. He is most proud of the numerous students and trainees he has mentored throughout his career, who continue to add scholarship, understanding, and insight to the pharmaceutical, biomedical, and clinical sciences.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming David E. Smith, John G. Wagner Collegiate Professor Emeritus of Pharmacy and professor emeritus of pharmaceutical sciences.

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