

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death

Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **Michael D. Fetters, M.D., M.P.H., M.A.**, professor of family medicine in the Medical School. Professor Fetters died July 16, 2023.

Dr. Fetters completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in Japanese studies at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio and began medical school at the Ohio State University College of Medicine in 1985. After completing his family medicine residency and research fellowship at the University of North Carolina, he joined the University of Michigan Medical School faculty as a lecturer and bioethics fellow in the Department of Family Medicine on July 1, 1994 and as an assistant professor on November 1, 1997. He was promoted to associate professor in 2004 and professor in 2012. In addition, he was an affiliate faculty member in the Center for Bioethics and Social Medicine and with the National Clinician Scholars Program in the Institute of Healthcare Policy and Innovation.

Dr. Fetters' visionary leadership resulted in the creation of a first-of-its-kind Japanese Family Health Program (JFHP). Based at the University of Michigan, the JFHP's mission is to improve the physical and emotional health of Japanese speaking patients — from womb to tomb — with culturally and linguistically appropriate primary care, education, and research. He also was internationally recognized as a physician scientist, innovator, and global mentor in mixed methods research who co-founded the University of Michigan Mixed Methods Program in 2015. He was a beloved family physician, teacher and mentor, and to thousands of patients and hundreds of friends and colleagues over the years.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Sayoko Moroi-Fetters, his sons Kori, Tomoyuki, Kazuhisa and Takashi, and his many loving relatives and friends.

Requested by:



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