

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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October 25, 2007

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Thomas D. Gelehrter, M.D., professor of human genetics and professor of internal medicine, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on September 30, 2007.

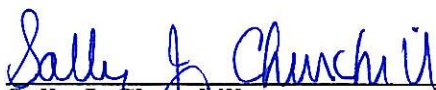
Dr. Gelehrter received his B.A. degree from Oberlin College in 1957. A Rhodes Scholar, he received his M.A. degree from the University of Oxford in 1959 and his M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School in 1963. After completing his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in 1965, he was a researcher at the National Institutes of Health from 1965-69, a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Washington from 1969-70, and a faculty member at Yale University School of Medicine from 1970-74. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1974 as associate professor of human genetics and associate professor of internal medicine, and was promoted to professor of human genetics and professor of internal medicine in 1976.

Dr. Gelehrter is an internationally recognized expert in human genetics. Following his early research, which helped improve the understanding of the regulation of enzyme activity in mammalian cells, his work has centered on understanding the plasminogen activation system and the transcriptional and post-transcriptional regulation of the PAI-1 and tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) genes. He was director of medical genetics in the Department of Internal Medicine from 1977-87 and chair of the Department of Human Genetics from 1987-2004. Dr. Gelehrter has been a leader in developing and refining the Medical School's genetics curriculum and has been director of the core human genetics course for many years. He is the author of a leading textbook, *Principles of Medical Genetics*, which is used at medical schools around the world. An outstanding mentor and clinician, he is noted for his sensitivity and compassion in dealing with patients.

Among Dr. Gelehrter's honors is the University's Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award (1997). He is an elected member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians, serves on the board of directors of the American Society of Human Genetics, and is a founding fellow of the American College of Medical Genetics.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Thomas D. Gelehrter professor emeritus of human genetics and professor emeritus of internal medicine.**

Requested by:



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