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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

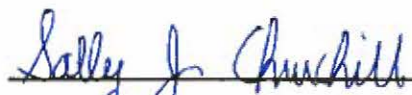
M. Robert Fraser, Ph.D., associate director and librarian in the University of Michigan-Dearborn Mardigian Library, retired from active faculty status on September 3, 2019.

Mr. Fraser received his B.A. (1970) and M.A. (1972) degrees from Bethany Nazarene College, his M.Div. (1979) degree from the Nazarene Theological Seminary, and his M.A. (1985) and Ph.D. (1988) degrees from Vanderbilt University. After serving as an associate professor of the history of Christianity and theology at the Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary from 1988-92, he received his M.L.I.S. degree from Wayne State University in 1994. Mr. Fraser joined the UM-Dearborn faculty as an associate librarian in 1994, and was promoted to senior associate librarian in 1997, and librarian in 2005.

As the network resources librarian, Mr. Fraser developed the first official Dearborn campus website in 1994, set up the first server for the Voice/Vision Holocaust Survivor Site, introduced the first online library reserves system, and was instrumental in negotiating a single home modem pool policy for the university. In 1996, he joined the Mardigian Library's Network Information Support Committee, spearheading the development of the cost-saving "One University" (1U) concept by which the libraries of all three campuses shared single contracts with vendors. He triaged many of the campus copyright concerns. Following 9/11, he developed procedures for the library response to a law officer demanding library records. Elected to the Faculty Senate and Council in 2002, he established and co-chaired the first faculty-staff benefits committee on the campus. He represented the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA) for two terms (2008-11 and 2013-16), and was elected to serve as interim secretary for one year (2011-12). While he served on SACUA, he led the change for librarians to be members of SACUA as part of their position, he participated and promoted the change in SPG 601.28 to ensure faculty copyright holding, and assisted in the composition of the Senate Assembly's "Statement on Academic Freedom." In addition, Mr. Fraser was awarded the Jackie Lawson Memorial Faculty Governance Award (2011) and the University Librarian Achievement Award (2016).

The Regents now salute this dedicated and accomplished leader by naming **M. Robert Fraser, librarian emeritus**.

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