THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Carol Kauffman, M.D., professor of internal medicine in Michigan Medicine's Division of Infectious Diseases and the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on October 31, 2021.

Dr. Kauffman attended the University of Michigan Medical School and received her M.D. degree in 1969. She went on to complete both an internal medicine internship and residency also from the University of Michigan in 1970 and 1971, respectfully. Upon the completion of her residency, Dr. Kaufman attended the University of Cincinnati for a fellowship in infectious diseases, which was completed in 1973. In that same year, Dr. Kauffman was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Cincinnati and she remained in that position through 1977. In 1974, she was appointed as a research associate at the Cincinnati Veterans Affairs Medical Center and in 1976 she assumed the role of chief of the Infectious Disease Section at the Cincinnati VA and remained in that role through 1977. The University of Michigan recruited Dr. Kauffman back in 1977 and she was appointed as the chief of Infectious Diseases for the Ann Arbor VA Healthcare System, a title that she still holds, and as an assistant professor. Dr. Kauffman was promoted to associate professor in 1978, and professor in 1981.

Dr. Kauffman is an outstanding physician scientist with expertise that runs the gamut from diagnosis and treatment of fungal infections to infections in immunocompromised patients. Along with a successful career as a researcher, Dr. Kauffman has amassed over 360 peer-reviewed publications. Dr. Kauffman dedicated her career in service to the underserved population of our veterans. From September of 1978 through October of 1983, Dr. Kauffman served as the assistant chief of Medical Service at the Ann Arbor VA and again in 2014, she stepped up to serve as the interim chief for a period of 5 months. Since her recruitment to the University of Michigan in 1977, Dr. Kauffman has been serving as the chief of the Infectious Diseases Service at the VA. Dr. Kauffman has been instrumental as a valued member on national, regional, and institutional committees. In recognition of her service to the VA, Dr. Kauffman was presented with the Veterans Affairs Society of Practitioners of Infectious Diseases Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015. Throughout her tenure at the University of Michigan Dr. Kauffman served as the assistant dean for Student Affairs for the University of Michigan Medical School from 1986 through 1991. In 2021, Dr. Kauffman was awarded the Chair's Award for Outstanding Service to the Department of Internal Medicine.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Carol Kauffman, professor emerita of internal medicine.

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