The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Mark Rosentraub, Ph.D., professor of kinesiology in the School of Kinesiology, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2026.

Professor Rosentraub earned his B.A. and M.A. from Queens College of the City University of New York, and his Ph.D. from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. He held academic appointments at the University of Texas at Arlington (1975-1987), Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne (1987-1989), Indiana University (1989-2000), and Cleveland State University (2001-2009). In 2009, Professor Rosentraub joined the University of Michigan School of Kinesiology as professor of kinesiology and Bickner Chair of Kinesiology. Here he served as chair of the Sport Management program, director of the Center for Sports Venues & Real Estate Development (formerly the Center for Sport and Policy), and held a joint appointment as professor of urban and regional planning in the Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.

Professor Rosentraub is an exceptional scholar whose globally recognized career has fundamentally shaped the study of sports finance, urban policy, and sports-anchored economic development. Over the course of his career, he has directed more than $26 million in grant and contract research, and authored or co-authored over a dozen books and monographs—including landmark texts such as *Major League Losers* and *Sports Finance and Management*—as well as more than 100 peer-reviewed articles. His expertise in public finance, tourism, and stadium development made him a sought-after advisor for major professional sports franchises, municipal governments, and legislative committees, including testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

Throughout his career, Professor Rosentraub combined rigorous empirical analysis with an engaging approach to teaching, mentorship, and public commentary. His foundational research challenged public assumptions regarding stadium subsidies and downtown revitalization, establishing a framework for how cities evaluate public investments in sports and culture. At the University of Michigan, he's admired as an inspiring educator, a dedicated mentor, and a leader whose vision and public engagement left an enduring imprint on the university, his students, and the broader fields of sport management and urban planning.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Mark Rosentraub, professor emeritus of kinesiology.**

Respectfully submitted:



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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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