The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Onur Ulgen, Ph.D., professor of industrial and manufacturing systems engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science, UM-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on January 1, 2027.

Professor Ulgen received a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from Robert College in 1972. He received a Master of Science and Ph.D. in industrial engineering from Texas Tech University in 1975 and 1979, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1977 as an instructor in industrial and systems engineering. He was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor in 1983, and to the rank of professor in 1992. He served as acting chair of industrial and systems engineering in 1987, 1995, and 2002.

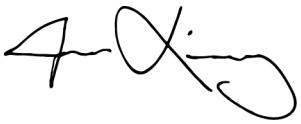
Professor Ulgen was instrumental in shaping the department's graduate curriculum. He served as the co-director of the information systems and technology and data science graduate programs and taught courses and seminars in process simulation, operations and production management, project management, production scheduling, forecasting, supply chain management, computer programming, and data visualization and analytics.

Professor Ulgen published and presented more than 80 papers, co-authored one textbook, and contributed three book chapters. He was a member of the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) and one of the founding members of the Michigan Simulation Users Group (MSUG), helping to build a lasting professional community around simulation practice in the region.

Beyond the university, Professor Ulgen founded Production Modeling Corporation (PMC), a global digital engineering and reality, CAD, and IT company, translating his academic expertise into real-world industrial impact. He's also been involved in industrial engineering consulting with more than 40 companies, including Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, VW, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, General Dynamics, Arcelor Mittal, Flagler Hospital, and St. Johns Hospital.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Onur Ulgen, professor emeritus of industrial and manufacturing systems engineering.**

Respectfully submitted:



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