

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Mary H. Simoni, Ph.D., professor of music (performing arts technology), in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2011.

Professor Simoni received her B.Mus., M.Mus., and Ph.D. degrees from Michigan State University in 1977, 1981, and 1983, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1994, and was promoted to associate professor in 2000 and professor in 2005.

Professor Simoni has appeared as a pianist with the Society for Electroacoustic Music in the United States and the International Computer Music Association, of which she is a past president (2000-2004). She is the author of *Algorithmic Composition: A Gentle Introduction to Music Composition Using Common LISP and Common Music* (2003), and editor of *Analytical Methods of Electroacoustic Music* (2006), and is coauthor of several other books. Her music and multimedia works have been recorded by Centaur Records, the *Leonardo Music Journal*, and the International Computer Music Association. Her research has been funded by the Knight Foundation, the Kellogg Foundation, the National Science Foundation, and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs. In 2002 she received a Computerworld Honors Award for her work in digital music information retrieval.

From 2009 until her retirement, Professor Simoni was associate dean for research and community engagement in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance. Prior to that, she had served as associate dean for research and planning (2006-09), associate dean of internet publications (2004-06), and chair of the Department of Performing Arts Technology (1996-2004). Professor Simoni served on a number of University-wide committees and task forces, and directed the University's record label, *Block M Records*.

The Regents now salute this brilliant researcher, teacher, and administrator by naming **Mary H. Simoni professor emerita of music (performing arts technology)**.

Requested by:



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