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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

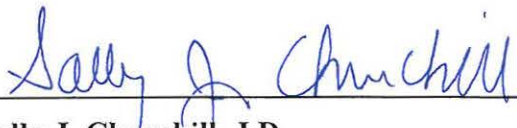
Paul E. O'Donnell, Ph.D., professor of foreign languages in the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2014.

Professor O'Donnell received his A.B. (1976), A.M. (1978), and Ph.D. (1986) degrees from the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant professor in 1986, and was promoted to associate professor in 1992, and professor in 1997. He served as chair of the Department of Foreign Languages from 1999-2001.

Professor O'Donnell is a leading scholar in the fields of linguistics, multilingualism, and regional language policies, with special expertise in Catalan and French. His work critically examined issues of language usage, language preference, and dominant languages in Belgium, Canada, and Spain. He was actively involved in field research, has authored numerous scholarly publications and translations, and was a frequent invited speaker. He taught a wide array of French and Spanish language courses that ranged from introductory to advanced composition and was responsible for the teaching methods preparation of teacher candidates in French, German, and Spanish. Professor O'Donnell was an advisor for the French and Spanish Teacher's Certificate Programs and the UM-Flint chapter of the Phi Sigma Iota International Foreign Language Honor Society. He served on the Faculty Assembly, the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee, the Academic Standards Committee for the College, and the Administrative Services Advisory Committee. Professor O'Donnell received numerous Golden Apple Awards and the Lawrence D. Kugler Academic Advising Excellence Award in 2005.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming **Paul E. O'Donnell professor emeritus of foreign languages**.

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