

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

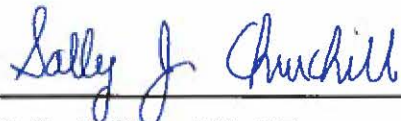
John A. Williams, M.D., Ph.D., Horace W. Davenport Collegiate Professor of Physiology, professor of molecular and integrative physiology, and professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active status on December 31, 2019.

Professor Williams received his B.A. degree from Central Washington State in 1962 and his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Washington in 1968. After completing his postdoctoral training, he joined the University of California, San Francisco faculty as an assistant professor in 1973, and was promoted to associate professor in 1974, and professor in 1979. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor and chair of the Department of Physiology in 1987.

The Department of Physiology flourished under Dr. Williams' leadership and quickly became one of the top physiology departments in the nation. He served as chair for over 20 years. Dr. Williams served on the Dean's Advisory Committee, the Policy Committee for the Michigan Medical Scientist Training Program, the Medical School Executive Committee, and as the first chair of the Endowment for the Basic Sciences Operating Committee. He played long-term leadership roles in the Michigan Comprehensive Diabetes Center and the Michigan Gastrointestinal Peptide Center Executive Committee. In his 32 years at Michigan, Dr. Williams maintained an active research lab and was a world leader in the study of the exocrine pancreas. He served as editor for five scientific journals and as president of the American Physiological Society and the American Pancreatic Association. Dr. Williams published over 400 papers and mentored over 70 students and fellows. He received numerous awards, including the U-M Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award (2004), the Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology's Distinguished Service Award (2010), the U-M Distinguished Faculty Lecture in Biomedical Research (2013), and the American Gastroenterological Association's Distinguished Achievement Award (2014). Dr. Williams is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **John A. Williams, professor emeritus of molecular and integrative physiology and professor emeritus of internal medicine.**

Requested by:



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