THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Edie N. Goldenberg, Ph.D., professor of political science in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of public policy in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2021.

Professor Edie N. Goldenberg received her S.B. (1967) degree in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and her M.A. (1968) and Ph.D. (1974) degrees from Stanford University. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor of political science in 1974. She spent 1978-80 in the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. She was promoted to professor of political science and public policy in 1986.

Professor Goldenberg was director of the Institute of Public Policy Studies from 1987-89. From 1989-98, she served as the 15th dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, the first woman appointed to this position. During Dean Goldenberg’s term, the college established the First-Year Seminar Program and theme semesters, the Sweetland Center for Writing, and the International Institute. The college also created 36 new chairs for distinguished faculty, increased its academic distinction internationally, created state-of-the-art facilities for instruction and research, and vastly expanded the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program. She established faculty awards for outstanding teaching and research, implemented family-friendly policies for faculty leave and the timing of tenure decisions, and led efforts to diversify the LSA faculty and academic leadership. She also led the then largest fund-raising effort of any public university on behalf of its arts and sciences college. Professor Goldenberg founded the Michigan in Washington Program. She was faculty lead for the Big Ten Voting Challenge and for Turn Up Turnout. She worked with more than 60 other colleges and universities across the country to promote student voting. Professor Goldenberg’s scholarship focused on the role of the mass media in political campaigns and public policy, on the functioning of the federal bureaucracy, and on issues related to higher education. Professor Goldenberg received many honors including election to the National Academy of Public Administration (1987), the Goldsmith Research Award from Harvard University (1993), a U-M Faculty Recognition Award (1984) and the U-M Sarah Goddard Power Award (1996). In 1997, Crain’s Detroit Business named Professor Goldenberg one of Detroit’s most influential women.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, researcher, and administrator by naming Edie N. Goldenberg, dean emerita of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, professor emerita of political science, and professor emerita of public policy.

Requested by:

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