

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

James O. Woolliscroft, M.D., MACP, FRCP, Lyle C. Roll Professor of Medicine, professor of internal medicine, and professor of learning health sciences in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on September 30, 2022.

Dr. Woolliscroft earned his B.S. degree, Summa cum laude, in 1972 and his M.D. degree in 1976 from the University of Minnesota. He completed his residency and served as chief resident in internal medicine at the University of Michigan. He joined the internal medicine faculty as a clinical instructor (1980), and was promoted to assistant professor (1983), associate professor (1987), and professor (1993), and was jointly appointed as a professor in the Department of Medical Education (2004).

Dr. Woolliscroft practiced as a general internist and held multiple administrative positions. He served as associate chair in the Department of Internal Medicine (1987-1995), chief of staff of the University of Michigan Hospitals (1995-1998), associate dean and director of graduate medical education and later executive associate dean of the Medical School, before serving as dean (2006-2015). During his deanship, Dr. Woolliscroft drove diversity, particularly with departmental leadership, led the analysis leading to the purchase by the university and the Medical School of the former Pfizer property, now the NCRC, launched two new departments, cardiac surgery, and computational medicine and bioinformatics, transitioned the Department of Medical Education into the Department of Learning Health Sciences, and with the College of Engineering transformed biomedical engineering into a joint department. He was the first Josiah Macy, Jr. Professor of Medical Education awarded from the Macy Foundation through a national competition, and later was named the Lyle C. Roll Professor of Medicine. The Department of Internal Medicine honored him with the Paul De Kruif Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Woolliscroft held multiple national leadership roles with the AAMC, the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME) and as a founding member and president of the Clerkship Directors of Internal Medicine. His contributions were recognized by the Society of General Internal Medicine with their Career Achievement in Medical Education Award, the AAMC's Group on Educational Affairs Merrel Flair Award, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Minnesota Medical School. He received the AAMC's most prestigious recognition, the Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education. He is a master of the American College of Physicians, a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (UK) and an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine of the United States National Academies.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **James O. Woolliscroft, dean emeritus of the Medical School, professor emeritus of internal medicine, and professor emeritus of learning health sciences.**

Requested by:



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