

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

### ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**


**Irina Arakelian, M.S.**, lecturer IV in mathematics in the Department of Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2024.

Ms. Arakelian received her M.S. degree in mathematics from St. Petersburg State University in Russia. She taught mathematics at St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University from 1979 to 1997, and then was a computer programmer with Boston University Medical School. Ms. Arakelian joined the UM Department of Mathematics as a lecturer II in 1999, and became a lecturer IV in 2005. During her career Ms. Arakelian has taught several sections of the mathematics introductory sequence (Precalculus, Calculus I, Calculus II) each semester. Her teaching evaluations have consistently been excellent.

In 2002, she became assistant director of the Mathematics Learning Center (MLC), and was promoted to director in 2004. For 20 years, Ms. Arakelian has managed all aspects of the MLC, which consists of the Math Lab, a walk-in and online free tutoring service for university undergraduates, serving mathematics courses from Math 105 (pre-calculus) to Math 217 (linear algebra). It is open 40 hours a week and averages about 25,000 visits per academic year. She is also responsible for staffing of the labs for computerized gateway testing in various mathematics courses. The labs are open 55 hours a week and average more than 20,000 tests taken per semester. As director of the MLC for the past 20 years, she had hired, trained, scheduled and monitored all undergraduate and graduate level tutors and lab staff. Ms. Arakelian directed all of the personnel and procedures within the MLC to assure that the majority of students who enroll in introductory mathematics courses at UM had the tutoring and assistance they may have needed. In 2010, Ms. Arakelian received the LS&A Excellence in Education Award, and from 2010-12 she was a member of the LSA Curriculum and Enrollment Advisory Group.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and teacher by naming **Irina Arakelian, lecturer IV emerita in mathematics**.

**Requested by:**



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**Jon Kinsey**  
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