THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Barry G. Rabe, Ph.D., J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Professor of Public Policy, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, professor of public policy, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, professor of environmental policy, School for Environment and Sustainability, professor of environment, School for Environment and Sustainability and College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of political science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2024.

Professor Rabe received his Bachelor of Arts degree (summa cum laude) from Carthage College in 1979. He completed a Master of Arts degree in 1980 and his doctorate in 1985 at the University of Chicago. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1985 as an assistant professor of health politics in the School of Public Health. He achieved tenure there in 1992 and became a professor in 1999. His appointment moved to the School of Natural Resources and Environment (now the School of Environment and Sustainability (SEAS)), where he was instrumental in the creation of the Program in the Environment (PitE) and where he served as interim dean for two years. Professor Rabe has had an active appointment in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy since 2001, and his tenured appointment was moved to the Ford School in 2009.

Professor Rabe is a widely acknowledged authority on climate policy who engages deeply with policy practitioners at international, national, and state levels to help solve critical challenges. Professor Rabe has also shown an extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching and learning. An award-winning teacher, his contributions in this area are profound, ranging from his personal creativity in undergraduate course design, to his employment of innovative teaching techniques and his long-standing service as an active and compassionate mentor and advisor.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Barry G. Rabe, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor Emeritus, professor emeritus of public policy, professor emeritus of environmental policy, professor emeritus of political science.

Requested by:

Jon Kinsey

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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