## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## Regents Communication

## **ACTION REQUEST**

## Subject:Report of Faculty RetirementAction Requested:Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**Paul A. Weinhold, Ph.D.,** professor of biological chemistry, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2012.

Professor Weinhold received his B.S. degree from Colorado State University in 1957, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1961. From 1961-63, he was a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps, serving as chief of the chemistry section in the 5<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Medical Laboratory in St. Louis, Missouri. He conducted postdoctoral research in the Department of Biological Chemistry, Harvard Medical School, from 1963-65. Professor Weinhold joined the University of Michigan faculty as assistant professor of biological chemistry in 1965, and was promoted to associate professor in 1972, and professor in 1984. He held an appointment as assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine from 1966-72, and was a supervisory biochemist in medical research at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System from 1970-90.

Professor Weinhold is recognized internationally for his research in phospholipid metabolism, having made significant contributions to elucidating the role of phospholipids in the functioning of pulmonary surfactant. His research on the metabolic pathway for phospholipid synthesis contributed significantly to the understanding of the regulation of the enzyme that is deficient in neonatal respiratory distress syndrome. Within the Medical School, Professor Weinhold participated in the evaluation and modification of the curriculum, and was instrumental in the oversight of its basic science components. A dedicated teacher who taught biochemistry to first year medical students for over 40 years, he received the Kaiser Permanente Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Medical School in 1994.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Paul A. Weinhold professor emeritus of biological chemistry.

**Requested by:** 

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