THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

H. Don Cameron, Ph.D., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, professor of Greek and Latin, and curator, Museum of Zoology, College of Literature, Science, and Arts, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2010.

Professor Cameron received his A.B. degree from the University of Michigan in 1956 and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton University in 1958 and 1962, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in 1959, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1964, associate professor in 1967, and professor in 1978. He was appointed associate curator in the Museum of Zoology in 1974 and was promoted to curator in 1978. He was appointed Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in 1992.

During the course of his 51-year career at the University of Michigan, Professor Cameron has achieved the status of an "institution." His early scholarly research was devoted especially to the tragedian Aeschylus, about whom he published an important work, "Studies on the Seven Against Thebes of Aeschylus," in 1971. More recently, in 2003, he published a very useful commentary on Book 1 of the historian Thucydides. Along with articles on tragedy and other classical subjects, he also regularly published work on spiders, entomological and arachnid nomenclature, and cladistics. His multifarious service to the University includes his recent stint as LSA Parliamentarian. Above all, however, it is for his efforts as a teacher, and particularly in his "Great Books" course, that he has been inscribed indelibly in the memories of students and colleagues. His teaching has been recognized by the University with the Class of 1923 Distinguished Teaching Award (1965), the Amoco Foundation Good Teaching Award (1985), the Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship (1992), and by being named the first Collegiate Fellow in Honors (1999). In 1987, he received the American Philological Association's Award for Excellence in Teaching at the Collegiate Level. Professor Cameron's dedication to his students and to the University and its intellectual life has been exemplary and inspirational.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar by naming H. Don Cameron Arthur F. Thurnau Professor Emeritus, professor emeritus of Greek and Latin, and curator emeritus.

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