

BOARD OF REGENTS

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATION

SECTION: 14

DATE:

April 20, 2018

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve Congresswoman Debbie Dingell as Commencement Speaker at the Saturday, April 21, 2018, afternoon commencement ceremony. In addition, it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree to Ms. Dingell.

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve Ms. Donna Inch as Commencement Speaker at the Saturday, April 21, 2018, morning commencement ceremony. In addition, it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Commerce degree to Ms. Inch.

SUMMARY

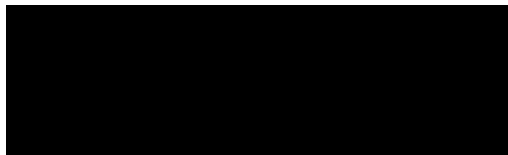
Biographies for Ms. Debbie Dingell and Ms. Donna Inch follow.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and it is recommended for Board approval.



University Executive Officer

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Biography for The Honorable Debbie Dingell, U.S. House of Representatives, 12th District of Michigan

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell represents the 12th District of Michigan in the U.S. House of Representatives, which includes the cities of Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, as well as much of southern Wayne County. In Congress, Debbie serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee and as a Senior Whip. Before being elected to Congress, Debbie was the Chair of the Wayne State University (WSU) Board of Governors.

For more than 30 years Debbie served one of Michigan's largest employers, the General Motors (GM) Corporation, where she was President of the GM Foundation and a senior executive responsible for public affairs. In her commitment to job creation, Debbie led the effort to bring the 10,000 Small Businesses initiative, a \$20 million partnership designed to help create jobs and economic growth, to southeast Michigan. She is a past chair of the Manufacturing Initiative at the American Automotive Policy Council.

An active civic and community leader, Debbie is a recognized national advocate for women and children. She successfully fought to have women included in federally-funded health research, and advocated for greater awareness of issues directly related to women's health, including breast cancer and women's heart health.

Debbie has led a number of efforts and initiatives related to young people and education. She chaired the Michigan Infant Mortality Task Force, the Baby Your Baby public education campaign that reduced infant mortality rates in Michigan, and has served on the board of Michigan's Children, the only statewide independent voice working to ensure that public policies are made in the best interest of children from cradle to career.

Debbie resides in Dearborn with her husband, retired Congressman John D. Dingell of Michigan. She holds both a B.S.F.S. in Foreign Services and an M.S. in Liberal Studies from Georgetown University.

Biography for Ms. Donna Inch, Former Chairman and CEO, Ford Land

Donna Inch is a senior executive with over 35 years of experience as a P&L and financial management leader across major automotive divisions at Ford Motor Company. Prior to her recent retirement, Donna served as Chairman and CEO of Ford Land Development Corporation, a Ford Motor Company subsidiary. Donna's career reflects a demonstrated record of accomplishment as a global leader in strategic transformation, financial expert, corporate real estate, capital projects, and culture and organization change.

As Chairman and CEO of Ford Land, Donna led Ford's global real estate and facilities management with a portfolio of 275 million square feet. In this role, Donna was responsible for engineering and construction, dealership design, energy supply and efficiency, facility management, and workplace design. Donna partnered with operations leaders to drive the real estate and facilities elements of key Ford objectives and led major capital investment for global actions including plant expansion, R&D efficiency, and infrastructure. She also managed profit centers including a historic hotel and a 5-million-square-foot commercial portfolio.

Donna transformed Ford Land including vision and strategic planning. She implemented a global team and drove common operating processes and standards. She created a culture focused on value, long-term planning, talent-acquisition, driving workplace strategy, and corporate sustainability. Donna partnered with Ford's CEO, board of directors and company leadership in leading a 10-year, multi-billion-dollar master plan to transform corporate headquarters and global research-engineering campuses to high technology and sustainable operations. She played a key role in the Ford Smart Mobility facility and workspace in Silicon Valley, which is dedicated to mobility, autonomous vehicles and big data analytics.

Donna joined Ford in 1978 as an industrial relations analyst. She has held a series of finance and management positions in key organizations like Customer Service Division, Marketing and Sales, Product Development, Powertrain and other automotive operations. Positions included; manager, worldwide revenue; manager, North American pricing; controller, North American Marketing and Sales. Prior to Ford Land, Donna served as CFO, Ford Customer Service Division, where she was responsible for a full P&L, financial analysis, budgeting, forecasting, long-range business planning and internal control, as well as, responsibility for Global Warranty Administration for Ford Motor Company.

Donna is presently serving as a consultant and member of the Strategic Advisory Committee for Arcadis US, Inc. – global design/consultancy for natural and built assets.

In addition, Donna served on the Executive Board and as Chairman of the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau – a critical organization in the revitalization of Detroit. She has served on several nonprofit boards including; HAVEN, prevention and shelter for sexual assault and domestic violence; the historic Henry Ford Estate, restoring a national treasure; the historic Dearborn Country Club, where she was the first female President of the 90-year old family club; and University Advisory boards - Eastern Michigan University College of Business and University of Michigan, Dearborn.

Donna is a champion of diversity -- she founded Ford's first employee resource group (Women in Finance in 1993) and was honored with Ford's Global Diversity and Inclusion award. Other recognitions include:

- 100 Most Influential Women *and* 50 Names to Know in Real Estate, Crain's Det. Business (2016)
- Corporate Real Estate Executive of the Year, CoreNet Global Michigan (2016)
- Women of Courage and Achievement, Michigan Women's Foundation (2015)
- Honoree, Women and Leadership in the Workplace, Michigan Business & Professional Assoc. (2014)
- Powered by Women, dBusiness magazine (2013)
- Women Who Lead, WJR Radio, Detroit (2013)
- Inductee, Midwest Real Estate Hall of Fame (2011)
- Top Women to Watch and "Newsmaker", Crain's Detroit Business (2010)

She earned BBA and MBA degrees in Finance from Eastern Michigan University (78/84)

Donna and her husband Howard have two grown children and live in Dearborn, Michigan