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Merton Finkler

MARTY FINKLER, you have served as an outstanding member of the faculty since 1979, when you finished your Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. Before studying at the University of Minnesota, you earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics at the University of California in San Diego and a Master of Science degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science. In addition to being a highly effective teacher of more than 20 different courses at Lawrence, you have contributed your expertise in helping the university develop effective programs in health insurance and retirement benefits and have enhanced our curriculum by providing leadership in building new connections with China. Your work on health care was recognized by your selection as a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow in health care finance and has led to leadership roles at the state level in efforts to improve the quality of public health care in Wisconsin. Among your many

papers and presentations on health care, one has the creative title of "A Hitchhiker's Guide to Competitive Managed Care." For the past 12 years you have played a crucial role in creating and developing the Sustainable China program, an initiative that has taken more than 50 students to China to gain a better understanding of its political economy. This work has been supported by two Luce Foundation grants. Your many contributions to the curriculum, to effective faculty programs, to the policies of the state of Wisconsin and to international collaborative initiatives symbolize the very best in combining classroom teaching with effective scholarship.

In recognition of your many contributions to Lawrence and its students, I am pleased to award you the degree of Master of Arts, *ad eundem*, on the occasion of your retirement from the faculty.

June 12, 2016