The President reported the following seven members of the faculty, who, according to the Bylaws of the Regents, are eligible for official retirement and for the emeritus status. The following memoirs were adopted:

Ralph William Aigler joined the faculty of the Law School of this University as Instructor in 1908, one year after he had completed the requirements at the University for the LL.B. degree and after his association with Rosenthal and Hamill of Chicago. Before undertaking the study of law, he was assistant cashier in the Bellevue (Ohio) Savings Bank. He became Professor of Law in 1912 and proceeded to develop a career as teacher of law and counselor to law students that embraced forty-seven years. Professor Aigler became a renowned and beloved teacher, and is widely known for his work on Property, on Negotiable Paper and Banking, and on Bankruptcy. His recently revised casebook on Property (jointly compiled with H. A. Bigelow and R. B. Powell), in two volumes, establishes a new standard of excellence in the Property field. He was Acting Professor of Law at Stanford, Columbia, and Southern California universities, and repeatedly was Visiting Professor of Law during the summer at Cornell, Southern California, and Harvard universities. He was elected to the Order of the Coif and became a member of the American Law Institute, the American Bar Association, and the Association of American Law Schools, being secretary and treasurer of the last named from 1922 to 1925 and its president in 1926. In 1918 Professor Aigler was invited to join the staff of the War Trade Board in Washington, D.C. His national reputation as a teacher and an authority upon his subject was paralleled in the field of athletics as the faculty representative of the University of Michigan in the Western Conference from 1917 to 1955. Acting in that capacity, his extraordinary skill, coupled with his keen sense of fairness and wise judgment, won for him and for his University high respect and esteem. The Regents of the University of Michigan extend to Professor Aigler their sincere thanks for his forty-seven years of loyal and conscientious service, and confer upon him the title Professor Emeritus of Law and invite him to avail himself of all the courtesies that are customarily shown to emeritus members of the faculty.

Having reached the age of seventy years December 8, 1954, and after having been invited by the Regents of the University to postpone his retirement-furlough year by six months (R.P., 1951–54, p. 1213), until a successor was appointed, Dr. Esson McDowell Gale, Counselor to Foreign Students and Director of the International Center, has become eligible for retirement under the provisions of our Bylaws. For the last ten years Dr. Gale gave his complete attention to the International Center; from 1943 to 1944 he was also Acting James Orin Murfin Professor of Political Science. Dr. Gale, who earned the A.B. and A.M. degrees at the University of Michigan and the Litt.Ph.D. degree from the University of Leyden Sinologisch Institut, was an Orientalist by training and spent twenty-three years in China. He taught two years at the University of Michigan, four years at the University of California, and brief periods of less than a year at Northwestern University, University of Virginia, and George Washington University. His life in China began as student interpreter at the American Legation in Peking the year he earned the A.M. degree at the University of Michigan. He occupied various important positions in the Chinese Salt Revenue Administration. This phase of his experience provided the impetus for his translation of Huan K'uan's Discourses on Salt and Iron (1931) and for his book Salt for the Dragon, a personal history of China (1953). His work in China was recognized by various decorations, including the Fourth and Third Grades, Order of the Chia Ho, Republic of China, and the Third