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Chemistry professor Gary McPherson, left, receives a standing ovation from his colleagues on Friday, April 13, during the spring School of Science and Engineering Board of Advisors meeting. A former associate dean for the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (1992-2006) and senior associate dean of the School of Science and Engineering (2006-2017), McPherson was honored for his “dedicated service and leadership” to the university since arriving in 1969. Known for his ability to bring people together and broker the best solution for all involved, McPherson will continue to teach and do research at the university.