



COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS
2006/2007 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2006-2007, memorials for the following 44 Senate members were approved and published in *In Memoriam* at the Academic Senate website:
<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/inmemoriam/welcome.html>

Henrik L. Blum (School of Public Health)
Bruce Alan Bolt (Earth & Planetary Sciences)
Leo Breiman (Statistics)
Richard M. Bridgman (English)
Rowland M. Cannon Jr. (Materials Science and Engineering/LBNL)
Owen Chamberlain (Physics)
Theodore E. Cohn (Optometry/Bioengineering)
Frank S. Crawford (Physics)
Don M. Cunningham (Mechanical Engineering)
Murray Barnson Emeneau (Linguistics)
George M. Foster Jr. (Anthropology)
Ben Clifford Gerwick Jr. (Civil and Environmental Engineering)
Richard LeRoy Hay (Geology)
Franklin M. Henry (Physical Education)
Richard Holton (Haas School of Business)
Nicholas Howe (English)
Ruth L. Huenemann (Public Health)
Danielle Kormos (French)
Lawrence W. Levine (History)
George J. Maslach (Mechanical Engineering)
Charles Bartlett McGuire (Public Policy)
William M. Meredith (Psychology)
Sheldon Messinger (Law)
Leonard Michaels (English)
A. Richard Newton (Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences)
Chester T. O'Konski (Chemistry)
Donald Oscar Pederson (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science)
Allan Richard Pred (Geography)
J. Austin Ranney Jr. (Political Science)
Paul Rogers (Business Administration)
Michael T. Ronan (Physics/LBNL)
Lawson L. Rosenberg (Molecular and Cell Biology)
Marvin Rosenberg (Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies)
Thomas Gustav Rosenmeyer (Classics)

Barbara Shearer (Music)
Charles Susskind (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science)
John Meredith Swackhamer (Music)
Lawrence Talbot (Mechanical Engineering)
Paul Emery Thomas (Mathematics)
David Keith Todd (Civil and Environmental Engineering)
Joseph Tussman (Philosophy)
Frederic E. Wakeman Jr. (History)
John V. Wehausen (Mechanical Engineering)
Lionel Weiss (Earth & Planetary Sciences)
Doris L. White (Physical Education)

Procedures initiated in the last two years have produced some good results in terms of completion of memorials (50 last year and at least 44 this year). The committee's main concern, however, continues to be the timely publication of the memorials, and the obstacles to the achievement of this end continue to be the same as before: uncooperative department chairs (or, in some cases, deans) and laggard *ad hoc* committees. We continue to send out routine reminders; we try personal contact when a committee member knows relevant colleagues; and in some extreme cases we have tried appealing to higher authorities (deans in the cases of laggard department chairs, department chairs in the cases of laggard committees). These measures have produced some results, and of course there are department chairs and *ad hoc* committees that do their work with exemplary dispatch. Nonetheless, there are more overdue memorials than we should like.

The committee has considered ways around these roadblocks. One would be the use of obituaries published in *The Berkeleyan*, even though not written by a Senate member, a procedure that appears not to contravene any rule and for which we are requesting approval from the Divisional Council.

Another solution, in some cases, would be the use of an obituary published elsewhere by a member of the faculty. In the single case for which we have attempted this, we were met with cooperation from our colleague but various demands concerning copyright from the publication. We have written to the editor of *In Memoriam* for guidance in this matter and are awaiting word from the General Counsel's office.

We have also written to our counterparts on various University of California campuses to ask how they deal with the memorials. Only one campus, Davis, has replied; they seem to hold department chairs and *ad hoc* committees to deadlines that would seem draconian here, and to get good cooperation.

We have also adopted a policy of desisting from further efforts and closing a case if too many years go by after the date of death with no draft forthcoming. Our current maximum is six years, but in the fall we shall consider shortening this period, which on reconsideration seems, at least to the committee chair, excessive.

We have received notes from the survivors of two of our memorialized colleagues, expressing their appreciation of the tribute to their family member. These notes reinforce our belief in the value of the memorials, the more so since these were some of

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the very few cases in which we sent the memorial ourselves. The great majority are sent by Systemwide; we do not know what response they may have received.

Our committee would certainly appreciate any help it might receive from the Division that would convince all our colleagues that the preparation of these memorials really is part of their work, a tribute to the departed and an act of solidarity with their survivors, and that it should be attended to in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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