

Committee on Memorial Resolutions
Annual Report, 2005-2006

In 2005-06, the 50 memorials in the following list were completed for publication in *In Memoriam* at: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/inmemoriam/welcome.html>

Gunther Barth	History
William J. Bouwsma	History
Julian C. Boyd	English
Leo Brewer	Chemistry
James M. Carman	Haas School of Business
James Cason	Chemistry
Shiing-Shen Chern	Mathematics
Mark N. Christensen	Energy and Resources Group
C. West Churchman	Haas School of Business
Robert N. Colwell	Environmental Science & Policy Management
Lincoln Constance	Integrative Biology
Nicholas R. Cozzarelli	Molecular & Cell Biology
Vernon Armand DeMars	Architecture
Alan Dundes	Anthropology
Suzanne Fleischman	French
Alan S. Foss	Chemical Engineering
Ernest Greenwood	Social Welfare
Bent Hansen	Economics
Morgan Harris	Molecular and Cell Biology
August Carl Helmholtz	Physics
Richard Holton	Haas School of Business
Richard W. Jennings	Law
Reginald Jones	African American Studies / Graduate School of Education
William Kornhauser	Sociology
Adrian A. Kragen	Law
Jean Olson Lanjouw	Agriculture and Resource Economics
Walter B. Lawrence	Civil and Environmental Engineering
Tung-Yen Lin	Civil and Environmental Engineering
Stewart Harvey Madin	School of Public Health
Martin E. Malia	History
Sheldon Margen	School of Public Health
Czesław Miłosz	Slavic Languages and Literatures
Luis Monguió	Spanish & Portuguese
Donald Sterling Noyce	Chemistry
William J. Oswald	Civil and Environmental Engineering / School of Public Health

Joseph A. Pask	Materials Science and Engineering
Eugene Edward Petersen	Chemical Engineering
William C. Reeves	School of Public Health
John Howland Rowe	Anthropology
Thomas C. Smith	History
Wilbur H. Somerton	Mechanical Engineering
Lawrence Stark	School of Optometry / Electrical Engineering
Ruggero Stefanini	Italian Studies / Near East Studies
Abraham Haskel Taub	Mathematics
John Lewis Traugott	English
Francis Violich	City & Regional Planning / Landscape Architecture
Dow Votaw	Haas School of Business
Charles R. Wilke	Chemical Engineering
Richard Wollheim	Philosophy``
Reginald E. Zelnik	History

A major goal of our committee has been to reduce the time delay between the death of a colleague and the publication of the Memorial Resolution. The obstacles to attaining this goal are: 1.) the difficulties in obtaining the timely cooperation of department chairs or deans to find members of the ad hoc committees that draft the Memorial Resolutions; 2.) the difficulties in obtaining drafts of the memorials from the ad hoc committees once they are established. These problems are illustrated by the status of the memorials for the 31 senate members who died in calendar year 2005: As of the end of August 2006, only 24 of the 31 ad hoc committees had been appointed. Of the 24, only 16 had been established within 3 months or less, and the other 8 took between 4 and 13 months. For the other 7, no committee had been established as of 13 to 18 months after the death. Of the 24 ad hoc committees that were appointed, 12 had produced a draft, 6 within 4 months or less and 6 in 5 to 11 months. For the 12 ad hoc committees that had not yet produced a draft, the average time elapsed since their appointments was 10 months. The cases in which the memorial is delayed for a very long time give another measure of the problem. The numbers of senate members who died in 2004 or earlier for whom we have not received draft memorials are: 10 in 2004; 14 in 2003; 4 in 2002; 1 in 2001; 1 in 2000; 2 in 1999; 1 in 1998.

We have instituted a system of routine early reminders to recalcitrant department and ad-hoc-committee chairs, followed up by more strongly worded reminders tailored to the particular case. The large number of memorials published this year suggests that this may have had some effect, but we are still far from our goal, which is to have a large fraction of the memorials published within four months of the death (one month for the appointment of the ad hoc committee, and another three for the draft). Increased publicity for the memorials this year (listing them in the Division meeting notice, and posting them on the Division website) may also have had a beneficial effect. In the future, it would be useful to have the Division Chair remind the department chairs and deans at their annual meeting of the importance of their cooperation in arranging for the memorials.

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