Committee on Memorial Resolutions  
2009-2010 Annual Report

In 2009-2010, memorials for the following 32 Senate members were approved and published in *In Memoriam* at the Academic Senate website:  
http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/inmemoriam/welcome.html

Thomas Garden Barnes (History and Law)
Stephen R. Barnett (Law)
Jack Block (Psychology)
Tor Langfeldt Brekke (Civil Engineering)
Lester Eli Dubins (Mathematics/Statistics)
Iain Finnie (Mechanical Engineering)
Andrew L. Griffin (English)
Austin Hoggatt, (Business Administration)
Gérard Marc Jian (French)
Simon Karlinsky (Slavic Languages and Literatures)
Erich Lehmann (Statistics)
Karl Kasten (Art Practice)
Benson Mates (Philosophy)
Hugh Donald McNiven (Civil and Environmental Engineering)
Paul J. Mishkin (Law)
Maurice Moonitz (Business Administration)
Charles A. Muscatine (English)
Walter Nelson-Rees (Public Health)
Thomas H. Pigford (Nuclear Engineering)
Irving Putter (French)
Walter Edwin Rex III (French)
Mark R. Rosenzweig (Psychology)
Leona Shapiro (Public Health)
Herbert Davis Simons (Education)
Michael E. Smith (Law)
Otto J. M. Smith (Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences)
Kenneth M. Stampp (History)
Richard Campbell Strohman (Molecular and Cell Biology)
Edward Sanford Sylvester (Environmental Science, Policy, & Management)
Ronald Takaki (Ethnic Studies)
Erich G. Thomsen (Mechanical Engineering)
Kermit Wiltse (Social Welfare)

With one exception, we have continued to receive good cooperation from chairs, deans, and ad hoc committees in preparing memorials, and we are hopeful that a way to circumvent that exception will be found.

We discussed the Division’s proposal for reorganizing its standing committees and took a dim view of plans to merge the Committee on Memorial Resolutions with another committee, especially if the merger should entail loss of staff support. Our comments on the proposal are no doubt on file. In brief, we saw disadvantage in the form of increased individual workloads, and no advantage whatsoever.

A vexing new problem was posed for us by survivors of deceased faculty asking that the respective memorial resolutions on the University of California History Digital Archives site be amended. There were two such cases, both seeming quite reasonable and justified. We pursued the first one for more than a year, consulting the Bancroft Library, which now oversees the site, and believing (naively, it turned out) that making changes in a document posted on a website would be a simple matter. It turns out that it is not. The software for posting on the In Memoriam site was apparently written without taking such a possibility into account, and we have been told that making changes would necessitate basically rewriting the software, which under present circumstances seems to be pretty much of the lowest priority. In view of this, we told the second petitioner that nothing could be done for her.

Respectfully submitted,

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