A Tribute to Professor Ernest D. May
May 7, 2015

Service in the Faculty Senate and its Councils and Committees:
- Admissions and Records Committee – 1978-1980
- General Education Council – 1985-1986
- Research Library Council – 1997
- Member of the Rules Committee – 1989 to Present
- Faculty Delegate to the Board of Trustees – 1989-1997
- Interim Secretary – 1994
- Presiding Officer 1997-2000
- Secretary – July 2000 to Present

Whereas for 37 years you have demonstrated deep commitment to shared governance and high dedication to the University through service in the Faculty Senate, its councils, and committees;

Whereas you have served successively in every Faculty Senate leadership role, culminating in an unprecedented 15 years of service as Secretary, during which you orchestrated the Faculty Senate’s manifold activities with great skill;

Whereas you have also served as president of the Intercampus Faculty Council of the University of Massachusetts system since 2003, promoting a greater measure of mutual awareness among the faculty of each of the five campuses;

Whereas you have also served with distinction on a vast array of Faculty Senate- and Administration-organized ad hoc committees, standing committees, and task forces addressing nearly every aspect of campus activity and operations with a view of fostering greater harmony among participants in the extensive faculty-administration collaboration that propels the campus to higher achievements; and

Whereas you have freely shared with successive Chancellors and Faculty Senate leaders the deep knowledge of this campus, the University of Massachusetts system as a whole, and the dynamics of decision-making affecting both the system and this campus that you have acquired through your careful listening to developments here and in Boston;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate, at its last meeting during your service as Secretary, expresses its profound gratitude for your outstanding contributions in the area of faculty governance. Your pivotal role in and vast contributions to campus governance cannot be overstated; your retirement leaves a yawning gap in our institutional memory. We are all indebted to you for your steadfast loyalty to the campus and its values. We wish you the best in the post-retirement phase of your life as a teacher and scholar of note, making the enduring achievements of Johann Sebastian Bach relevant to yet another age through your project on *J. S. Bach in the Age of Modernism, Postmodernism, and Globalization*. 