

Proposition 5-14/15

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Proposed Committee Assignment: Emergency Legislation

Title: Faculty Senate Memorial Recognizing the Achievements and Contributions of Professor John J. (Jack) Monagle (Emergency Legislation)

Dr. John J. Monagle, 85, professor, former Department Head of the Department of Chemistry at New Mexico State University (NMSU), Las Cruces, New Mexico, and also former Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at NMSU, passed away Thursday, August 14, 2014 after battling cancer.

Born February 2, 1929 in Chester, Pennsylvania; he received a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry (1950) from Villanova College, and a Ph. D. in Chemistry (1954) from Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. During his terms at Sinclair Research Laboratories and the Organic Chemicals Department of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company he published several papers and received several patents for his work in exploratory chemistry.

In 1961 he joined the Department of Chemistry faculty at NMSU, was promoted to professor and became department head in 1963, founding the Ph. D. program in Chemistry and research program, initiating the construction of a research wing. After a brief stint at University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, he returned to NMSU as Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences from 1968 to 1971, establishing the first Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee. He also served as the Director of the College of Arts and Sciences Research Center from 1975 to 1984.

Periodically, between 1984 and 1994, Jack worked as science and technology advisor to the Cairo Egypt Mission of the U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and as advisor and program manager in Islamabad, Pakistan. An avid tennis player, he and Brette attended major tennis Opens around the world.

He is survived by his wife of sixty years, Elizabeth Brette (Nolan); daughters Lisa and Cathy; sons Sean, John and Matthew (wife Leslie nee Vandergust), and five grandchildren.

Jack's contributions to NMSU, his colleagues, his students, and the world will long be remembered with gratitude.

The Faculty Senate of New Mexico State University hereby expresses its gratitude for the important contributions of Professor Monagle to NMSU, past and present students, and others outside the NMSU community. Furthermore, we extend our deepest condolences and sympathies to the family, friends, students, and colleagues and all others who knew and admired him.