

ACADEMIC SENATE

Resolution 14/15-001

Procedure:

1. A motion should be typed or hand-printed.
2. A motion should first be offered to the Executive Board for review and advice on editing and parliamentary implication.
3. If changes are necessary, the motion should be recopied on another form. Amendments may be indicated in the margin or on the reverse of this form.

Establishing the Walter Wolf Award

Whereas Walter Wolf, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Pharmaceutical Science and the next-to-last President of the former Faculty Senate, 1990-1991, passed away on December 25, 2014, and is mourned by his family, colleagues, and students present and past; and

Whereas, He received his MSc in 1952 from the University of the Republic (Montevideo, Uruguay) and his PhD from the University of Paris (France) in 1956, and his Sorbonne academic regalia was a colorful feature of every USC commencement. He was appointed as a Research Scientist to the CNRS in 1955, Associate Professor of Chemistry at the Universidad de Concepcion, Chile, 1956-1958, and held research appointments at McGill University (Canada) and Amherst College (1958-1959). He joined USC in 1959 on the University Park Campus in the Department of Chemistry and moved to the School of Pharmacy in 1962. His scholarship was recognized by promotion to Associate Professor in 1965, to Professor in 1970 and to Distinguished Professor in 1998. He served as Chairman of the Department of Biomedical Chemistry from 1968-1972, and as the Director of the Radiopharmacy Program, 1970-1990. Until his last illness, he was Chair of the Provost's Biomedical Imaging Science Initiative.

Whereas Professor Wolf played a key role in uniting the faculty of the many campuses of USC; and,

Whereas Professor Wolf had a deep understanding of the need for institutional history and context, and assured that these were reflected in University policies;

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Whereas Professor Wolf demonstrated a profound commitment to the development of new faculty leaders;

Whereas Professor Wolf maintained a fierce commitment to faculty rights, as well as a love of open and meaningful discourse regarding policies affecting the University;

Whereas, Professor Wolf demonstrated lifelong support for academic freedom, a core value of this university and the Academic Senate, manifested for example in his leadership role when USC considered establishing a Middle East Center;

Whereas, Professor Wolf was active in the wider arena, exemplifying a social conscience worthy of the highest standards of the academy, exhibited for example in his defense of free interchange among scholars internationally, and

Whereas, It is fitting to honor Professor Wolf’s memory by signaling USC’s faculty’s strong advocacy of academic freedom and social conscience and our appreciation of those who champion these things.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Senate establishes the Walter Wolf Award, to be bestowed on a USC faculty member for defense and advocacy of academic freedom or for other manifestation of social conscience, through distinguished faculty service, teaching, scholarship, or activity as a public intellectual.

Resolution Number: 14/15-001 Motion by: Senate Executive Board on behalf of
the Past Presidents of the Faculty Senate

Date: January 14, 2015

To be presented at the Senate meeting to be held: January 21, 2015

Action taken: Passed Unanimously