

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death

Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **Hanes Walton, Jr., Ph.D.**, professor of political science and secretary to the faculty in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and research professor in the Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research. Professor Walton died on January 8, 2013 at the age of 71.

Professor Walton received his A.B. degree from Morehouse College in 1963, his M.A. degree from Atlanta University in 1964, and his Ph.D. degree from Howard University in 1967. He held faculty positions at Atlanta University (1966 and 1971-72), Howard University (1965-67), Savannah State College (1967-71), and the University of Georgia (1984-2013). He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in 1992. He was also appointed faculty associate in 1992, and promoted to senior research associate in 2002, and research professor in 2003. Beginning in 2009 he served multiple terms as secretary to the faculty in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

A renowned political science scholar, Professor Walton's work focused on race and politics. His research explored a wide range of topics including the presidency, elections, political parties, black political participation, black conservatism, and African-American involvement in political parties. One of the most influential and productive political scientists to emerge from the civil rights era, Professor Walton published numerous journal articles, several book chapters, and authored more than twenty books including *Black Politics: A Theoretical and Structural Analysis* (1972), *When the Marching Stopped: The Politics of Civil Rights Regulatory Agencies* (1988), and *American Politics and the African American Quest for Universal Freedom* (2000). He was an inspiring and accomplished teacher, who taught courses including Introduction to American Politics, American Political Parties, The American Chief Executive, and Black Americans and the Political System. Professor Walton will be remembered for his in-depth subject knowledge, sense of humor, and ability to connect with his students. He was a caring and supportive mentor to his countless graduate and undergraduate students, many of whom have gone on to distinguished careers in academia and industry.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his sons Brandon and Brent, their mother Alice, and his many loving relatives and friends.

Requested by:


Sally J. Churchill, J.D.

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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