

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY  
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**ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS JOSEPH F. KAUFFMAN**

Joseph F. Kauffman, professor emeritus of educational leadership and policy analysis at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, died on September 29, 2006 at 84 years of age. Born in 1921 in Providence, Rhode Island, he received his bachelor's degree from the University of Denver, his master's degree from Northwestern University, and his doctorate from Boston University. At the time of his passing, he served as professor emeritus of educational administration at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and executive vice-president emeritus of the University of Wisconsin System.

Dr. Kauffman sang in big bands throughout his high school years and was lead singer with the Tommy Reynolds band after graduation. He toured with the Tommy Reynolds band for a year-and-a-half, playing in such well-known venues as the Roseland Ballroom in New York City. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1942, spending four years with the 85th Infantry Division in North Africa and Italy. In 1943, he married the late Gladys (Davidson) Kauffman of Boston.

After receiving his doctorate from Boston University in 1958, he served as first assistant to the president and dean of students at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts. He then worked in Washington D.C. as a consultant to the American Council on Education and as director of higher education for the American Personnel and Guidance Association. An advocate for a national youth corps during John F. Kennedy's 1960 presidential campaign, he served on the staff of R. Sargent Shriver that developed the Peace Corps. As the program's first director of training from 1961 to 1963, he developed training programs at more than 60 colleges and universities—including UW-Madison, which consistently leads the nation in the number of volunteers recruited by the program.

Kauffman came to UW-Madison in 1965 as dean of student affairs and professor of counseling and behavioral studies. After serving five years as president of Rhode Island College in Providence from 1968-1973, he returned in 1973 to UW-Madison as a professor in the Department of Educational Administration (now the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis) where he also headed the doctoral program in college and university administration. From 1980 to 1983, he also served as executive vice-president of the University of Wisconsin System. Although he retired in 1987, he continued to have a major impact on UW-Madison through the Joseph F. Kauffman Administrative Development Program. The seminars, now in their 19th year, provide leadership development for UW-Madison faculty and staff through a variety of opportunities to learn about the history, mission, and values of the university as well as to meet campus leaders and discuss complex issues facing the university.

Dr. Kauffman was the author of several books and numerous articles in the field of higher education, including *The Selection of College and University Presidents* and *At the Pleasure of the Board: The Service of the College and University President*. He served as a national consultant to other higher education institutions in their searches for presidents and chancellors. He received research grants from the Ford Foundation to further enhance his numerous contributions to the field. Dr. Kauffman received honorary doctor's degrees from St. Norbert College, The University of Rhode Island, and Rhode Island College. He served on the St. Norbert College Board of Trustees from 1977 to 1988. Dr. Kauffman also served as the 6th president for the Association for the Study of Higher Education from 1981 to 1983. The association is the premier organization for researchers and scholars of higher education.

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As a national expert on college and university leadership, Professor Kauffman provided counsel to many UW-Madison chancellors, from Donna Shalala and David Ward to John Wiley. As former Chancellor Ward described him: “Joe Kauffman was a scholar and practitioner of higher education administration who managed to make the two parts fit together.” Current Chancellor John Wiley described him as follows: “Joe Kauffman will be remembered as one of the great contributors to the success of this university. Joe was an idealist and an innovative thinker who was well ahead of his time in understanding the educational power of service learning. He trained many of the university’s top leaders during his long association with the campus. His legacy is alive and well across UW-Madison.” Among those mentored by Kauffman was Mary Rouse, UW-Madison Dean of Students between 1987 and 2005. Rouse says that Kauffman not only changed the direction of her own life but altered the face of higher education. In her words: “He wanted to interest people in higher education, not only on the local, state, and national levels but worldwide. The best thing about his seminars was the way he connected his classes to the Wisconsin Idea. He strongly believed that the campus has a responsibility to disseminate knowledge to improve the condition everywhere, and that education is an important key to improving people’s lives.”

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