

Memorial Resolution
Presented to University Senate
November 8, 2010

Professor Tom Foster
College of Pharmacy

Thomas Scott Foster departed this life on October 14, 2010 following a brief illness. He is survived by his wife Marijo, a daughter Megan (David) Sullivan of the Isle of Guernsey, UK, and a son Scott (Courtney) of Ocean City, NJ, three grand children in Guernsey and three grandchildren in Ocean City.

Tom was a 1970 graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Pharmacy with a B.S.Pharm. degree and the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy with the Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1973. He also completed a pharmacy practice residency at UK in the same year. He then embarked on a highly successful career as a clinical practitioner and academician at the University of Kentucky. Joining the faculty of the UK College of Pharmacy as an Assistant Professor, he quickly rose through the professorial ranks to be Professor of Pharmacy. He continued to be active in teaching, research and service roles at UK until shortly before his passing.

He also held joint faculty appointments as Professor in the UK College of Medicine, Department of Anesthesiology, and the UK College of Public Health, Department of Health Services Management.

He served the College of Pharmacy at UK in administrative roles as a Division Director. He also served UK as Executive Chair of the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board for over twenty years.

His teaching focused on pharmacotherapeutics, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics and computer applications in health care delivery. An animated and engaging lecturer, he had a unique ability to motivate students to achieve more than they thought they could. He was an early leader in developing educational initiatives in clinical pharmacy in internal medicine and critical care medicine.

He led programs of multidisciplinary clinical pharmacology research involving investigational drugs and drug administration systems. Those efforts facilitated the development of numerous human pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical products to improve the health of Americans and others around the world.

His service to professional organizations was highly noteworthy. He served as Chair of the Section of Teachers of Clinical Pharmacy of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. He was the founding Vice Chair of the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties of the American Pharmacists Association, the credentialing board for specialists in pharmacy practice. The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education regularly enlisted him to serve as a member of accreditation site visit committees. He contributed to

composing national licensure examinations for pharmacists. He enjoyed many roles with the United States Pharmacopeial Convention, the national body that establishes standards for medications distributed within the U.S. This year he received the Beal Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service to the U.S.P., the highest award of that important non-governmental standards agency.

He was a pioneer in using his pharmacy knowledge to address drug product selection issues for the benefit of the public in Kentucky, ultimately chairing Kentucky's Drug Formulary Council and Drug Management Review Board. He was appointed to the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy, the licensure agency for pharmacists, and chaired the group. He served as a consultant to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as well as to the Office of Human Research Protection of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

His achievements were recognized by his peers through election to fellowship in the American Pharmacists Association, American College of Clinical Pharmacy, and American College of Clinical Pharmacology.

Tom was a man of many talents, a man of many friends. His number of friends was almost matched by his number of bowties, his sartorial signature.

An avid sailor, he was happiest when with his grandchildren sailing on Seneca Lake in New York's Finger Lakes Region where his family had a summer home. Two Airedales, Commander and Chief, were his constant companions.

I move that this resolution be made a part of the minutes of the University Senate and that a copy be sent to Dr. Foster's family.