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**REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEE FOR
OSCAR G. MINK**

The special committee of the General Faculty to prepare a memorial resolution for Oscar G. Mink, professor, curriculum and instruction, has filed with the secretary of the General Faculty the following report.

Sue Alexander Greninger, Secretary
The General Faculty

**IN MEMORIAM
OSCAR G. MINK**

It is with sadness and regret that we say goodbye to a respected, loved, and dedicated colleague. Dr. Oscar G. Mink, professor of curriculum studies in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at The University of Texas at Austin, died Saturday, September 5, 2004, at the age of 74. He was born January 10, 1930, in Boise, Idaho, and served in the Korean War from 1951-53.

Dr. Mink began his career in education as a secondary school teacher, school counselor, school psychologist, and vocational counselor. He held a doctorate in counseling psychology from Cornell University and degrees in mathematics and mining engineering from Brigham Young University and San Bernadino Valley College.

Professor Mink joined the College of Education in 1973, serving as a visiting professor and research associate in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and spent the next twenty-six years with appointments in two departments devoted to teaching, research development, and the authorship of over thirteen published books as well as over 100 articles, monographs, and book chapters. Dr. Mink's distinguished career at the University included the establishment of graduate programs for special education administrators in community colleges as well as a program of study and research in adult and organizational learning and human resource development.

He was an expert in executive and organizational development and total quality management; in addition, he held senior executive positions with multi-national corporations such as Xerox. He was also involved with research and development in behavioral sciences for Cornell University, West Virginia University, and the National Laboratory of Higher Education. More recently, Dr. Mink worked closely with public administrators in the City of Austin and the Texas Department of Health to address issues of staff development and organizational administration.

Throughout his outstanding professional career, Dr. Mink was recognized for exceptional scholarship and innovation with numerous honors, including the Creative Business Concept Award issued by the Financial Executives Institute of Austin, the Distinguished Achievement Award from the American Society for Training and Development, and the Outstanding Learned Article Award from the U.S. Education Press Association.

Dr. Mink was a valued colleague, and he worked tirelessly as mentor and advisor to many graduate students. He was a skilled teacher and a true friend and colleague. He will be greatly missed.

This memorial resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Professors Lisa Cary (chair) and Michael Thomas.

Distributed to the dean of the College of Education, the executive vice president and provost, and the president on May 6, 2005. Copies are available on request from the Office of the General Faculty, WMB 2.102, F9500. This resolution is posted under "Memorials" at: <http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/>.