PROFESSOR EMERITUS ROBERT B. INGLE

Memorial Resolution

UWM Educational Psychology Professor Emeritus Robert B. Ingle was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 15, 1926 and died on September 10, 1998 at the age of 72. He is survived by his wife Maria, his daughter Ann Peeples and her husband Bob, his son Jonathan and his wife Karen, and two granddaughters Mary Pilar and Chole. Bob’s family, friends, and colleagues celebrated his life at services held on September 12, 1998.

Bob received a Bachelor’s degree in Biology (1949) and a Master’s degree in guidance and counseling (1950) from the University of Michigan. His early professional life, until 1959, was spent at the Harper Woods Public Schools, Harper Woods, Michigan. He first served as a teacher-counselor, then as Director of Pupil Personnel and School Psychologist, and then as Assistant Superintendent of Psychological Services. In 1959, he entered graduate school at Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan and earned his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology in May 1962.

Upon receiving his Ph.D., Bob joined the UWM faculty as an Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1965 and to Professor in 1970. Bob retired in 1993 after 31 years of distinguished service to UWM.

Bob served in a variety of administrative and faculty positions during his 31 years at UWM. He served as department chair 1970-1973, Director of the Urban Education Ph.D. Program, 1976-1984, and again as department chair from 1984 until his retirement in 1993. Among the important faculty committee memberships he held were the Codification Committee, Common Regulations and Requirements of the Graduate School, Nominations Committee, and the Divisional Committee of the Professions. Bob’s greatest source of pride was serving as chair of the University Committee for two consecutive years from 1973-1975. This was a critical time for UWM in establishing its identity as a separate Ph.D. granting institution within the newly formed University of Wisconsin System. His influence on the UWM Faculty Policies and Procedures, which serve as the governing rules for UWM faculty, has been significant.

Perhaps Bob’s most significant professional contributions were to the newly emerging discipline of program evaluation. He was a national leader in the American Evaluation Association (AEA) and served as chair of the Annual Conference for its first ten years and was subsequently named permanent chair of the Evaluation Network Annual Conference. In recognition of Bob’s contributions to the organization, AEA established the Robert Ingle Service Award presented annually to a member who has served as an outstanding resource to the organization.

While Bob could be brusque, acerbic, and even outrageous at times, he was dedicated and caring and could be charming, entertaining and gracious. He will be missed by family, friends, and colleagues and has left a lasting legacy at UWM.

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