Memorial Resolution for Professor Izzet Sahin  
Faculty Senate  
February 18, 1999

Professor Izzet Sahin died on Sunday 28 November 1998 at St Luke’s Hospital Milwaukee. Izzet bravely fought with cancer over the past five years and until the very last moments he maintained a very active role as the Johnson Controls Research Professor at the School of Business Administration. Izzet was only 57 years of age and is survived by his wife Lale and two grown sons Jonathan and Jason.

Izzet was born in the city of Konya, Turkey. He obtained his Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from the Technical University of Istanbul in 1964, his Master of Science degree in Management Science from the Stevens Institute of Technology in 1967, and his PhD in Operations Research from the Case Institute of Technology in 1969. After graduation Izzet worked for two years as an assistant professor at the Department of Management Science, University of Ottawa. He spent the next two years of his academic career as an Associate Professor at the Middle East Technical University Department of Mathematics in Turkey, and subsequently returned to University of Ottawa as head of the Department of Management Science.

Izzet and his family moved to Milwaukee in 1978, and he began his career at UWM as Associate Professor of Business Administration. He was promoted to Full Professor in 1980 and he was subsequently appointed as a research professor in 1984, the Max Karl Research Professor in 1988, and the Johnson Controls Research Professor in 1993, a position that he held until his unfortunate death in December.

Izzet’s record of scholarship both at UWM and elsewhere has been truly outstanding. His research has spanned areas of Operations Management, Operations Research, Management Science and Applied Probability. His numerous publications have repeatedly appeared in the most prestigious journals such as Operations Research, Management Science, Naval Research Logistics Quarterly, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Journal of Applied Probability, Scandinavian Actuarial Journal, Stochastic Processes and their Applications, Production and Operations Management, European Journal of Operations Management, and IEEE Transactions on Reliability. Izzet also authored a number of applied and theoretical books on a diverse range of topics such as Private Pensions and Employee Mobility, Post-Retirement Health Benefits, and Regenerative Inventory Systems. His latest book was published in December of this past year on the important topic of the Impact of Quality on Warranty Costs and Preventive Maintenance.

Throughout his distinguished career, Izzet upheld the highest standards of quality in his scholarship. He was a three-time winner of the School of Business Administration Business Advisory Council Research Award, and he was a recipient of the UWM Foundation/Graduate School Research Award. He was further recognized for his scholarly contributions by the Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey and was awarded the highly coveted
National Science Award by the President of Turkey in 1988.

Izzet's distinguished professional service, in addition to membership on the editorial boards of many journals, included highly prestigious positions such as the Associate Editorship of Operations Research, and Transactions on Operations Research as well as the Area Editorship of the Productions and Operations Management Journal.

Izzet was a highly dedicated teacher and took a great deal of personal interest in his students while maintaining the highest standards of teaching. Many of his former students will sorely miss him.

He was a great colleague and mentor to many of the junior faculty. In his relationships with his colleagues, and in situations of critical decision making, Izzet demonstrated the highest levels of fairness, honesty, and integrity. The loss of his friendship, guidance, and leadership will be felt by many.

The absence of this respected, world class scholar, this dedicated teacher, and this man of the highest integrity, will also be sorely missed by all members of the School of Business Administration and the University community.

We express our deepest sorrow and a profound sense of loss on the passing of this great man and convey our sincere condolences to his family. Izzet will be remembered fondly by all his friends and colleagues.