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Subject Dr. William McAdoo

Colleagues,

I regret to inform you that Professor William McAdoo of the Department of Africana Studies passed away on November 6 th after a long illness. Professor McAdoo came to Stony Brook in 1978, and was appointed an assistant professor in 1983 after receiving his Ph.D in History from Michigan. He was appointed Associate Professor in the Africana Studies program in 1993, as program director in 1994, and as Associate Professor in History beginning in 1995. Professor McAdoo worked diligently on the creation of the department of Africana Studies and was the founding chair of the department when it was formed in 1998.

He was a key figure in establishing the proposed interdisciplinary Master of Arts Program in Africana Studies and led the department during a time when it had significant increases in the number of faculty and graduate students, in undergraduate course offerings, and in interdisciplinary and interdepartmental collaborative efforts manifest in joint faculty appointments and co-listed courses. Bill was also instrumental in the provision of resources such as computer and media rooms for faculty and students, and in the staunch reviewing of the undergraduate Africana Studies curriculum.

He has published two monographs and was at work on two manuscripts on the history of institutional racism in 19th century Michigan, and into the U.S. institutional reform movement between 1870 and 1905.

Bill devoted considerable effort to many university programs, serving on many university-wide task forces and committees including the AIM/EOP Advisory Board, the W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship Advisory Committee. He was for several terms a member of the University Senate and its committees, as well as being very active in the UUP and the Black Faculty and Staff Association.

He will be remembered by many for his leadership, the quality of his teaching and scholarship, and for his commitment to social equity.

Sincerely,

Robert L. McGrath

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs