

## RESUME

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**Education:** B.S., 1972. University of Notre Dame. Chemistry Major.  
M.S., 1975. Pennsylvania State University. Agronomy Major.  
Ph.D., 1979. Pennsylvania State University. Agronomy Major,  
Biochemistry Minor.

**Experience:** 4/02 to present. Dean, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. Responsible for oversight of all operations and activities in the College including budget, personnel, development and academic programs. The College has nine departments and over 3900 students in 17 majors.

7/01 to 4/02. Interim Dean, College of Agriculture. Duties as above.

9/97 to 7/01. Associate Dean, College of Agriculture. Primary responsibility was operation of the undergraduate program. Involved in curriculum development, monitoring of student progress, and advising and outreach programs. Worked with five departments on staffing, faculty evaluations, and operation issues. Served as Director of the Multicultural Agriculture Program Center and supervised College computer technicians. Supervised Director of the MESA Agricultural Initiative.

10/96 to 9/97. Interim Assistant Dean (half-time position). College of Agriculture. Served as graduate program coordinator and assisted faculty with research and public service programs.

11/94 to 9/97. Head, Environmental Horticultural Science Department and Professor of Turfgrass Science. Responsible for operation of the Department including personnel decisions, financial planning, curriculum, scheduling, and

fund raising. Taught introductory and advanced turfgrass management courses and senior seminar, advised students, and served as advisor for senior projects.

8/85 to 11/94. Associate Professor, University of Illinois Department of Horticulture. Teaching/research appointment.

10/86 to 6/88. Owner of Pedal Pushers Boys and Girlswear, Champaign, IL. Children's retail clothing store operated by Diana Wehner. Store sold to another entrepreneur.

5/80 to 8/85. Assistant Professor, University of Illinois Department of Horticulture. Teaching/research appointment

12/77 to 5/80. Assistant Professor, University of Maryland Department of Agronomy. Teaching/research appointment.

6/72 to 12/77. Graduate Research Assistant. Pennsylvania State University Department of Agronomy.

### **Publications**

**And Grants:** See attachment. This list covers research activities at the University of Illinois and the University of Maryland.

### **Professional**

**Affiliations:** Crop Science Society of America, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, American Society of Agronomy, North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture.

### **Community**

**Service:** Treasurer, Friday Night Live of San Luis Obispo County (1/98 to 7/01). Organization devoted to promoting healthy lifestyles for the youth of SLO County.

Lector, Nativity of Our Lady Church (1/96 to present).

### **Overview of Projects and Activities as Dean of the College of Agriculture**

Developed agreement with the University of California at Davis College of Agriculture and Natural Resources to cooperate on graduate education. Program is called the McOmie Graduate Education Program.

Working to develop plans for a College of Agriculture Technology Center

Developing proposal for a student fee increase. Fee increase passed by student referendum.

College of Agriculture Joint Advisory Councils Meeting. Hosted and developed Centennial Celebration banquet.

### **Overview of Projects and Activities as Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture**

Director of the Multicultural Agriculture Program Center. Hire student peer advisors and monitor the operations of the center. Encourage faculty to hold office hours in the Center. Center provides a friendly atmosphere for students of all cultural backgrounds. During 1998-99 school year, 5400 student visits occurred at the Center.

Supervise the Director of the MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) Agricultural Initiative. The purpose of this program is to develop lesson plans to introduce agricultural topics into the middle and high school curriculum at schools with a large population of underrepresented students (MESA Schools Program).

Senior author on successful USDA Multicultural Scholars Program grants. Cal Poly received \$80,000 for awarding scholarships to underrepresented students who enrolled in the College of Agriculture for Fall 2000 and received \$90,000 for scholarships for students who enrolled for Fall 2001.

Co-leader of experimental student peer mentoring project. Joint project with Colleges of Engineering and Science and Mathematics. Student peer mentors worked with Freshmen who were on probation at the end of the first quarter at Cal Poly. Project funded by Provost's Office and colleges.

Attended Harvard Management Development Program, Summer 1999. Program is designed to assist individuals in higher education develop their management skills through discussion of case studies, directed readings, and peer interaction.

Advisor to the College of Agriculture Student Council (1998–2001). Assist with development of student leaders through interaction with officers and attendance at council meetings. Provide guidance through making suggestions about different possible approaches to attaining goals.

Serve on the following University committees with representatives from the Division of Student Affairs: Open House Committee, Advising Council, Summer Advising Program Committee (Co-Chair SAP 2000 and 2001), Week of Welcome. Member of Advising/Curriculum Development Workgroup chaired by Kimi Ikeda and related to the PeopleSoft implementation project.

Serve on the following University committees related to academic affairs: Deans Enrollment Planning Committee, Deans Admission Advisory Committee. Served on WASC Steering Committee for first year of operation. Member of Science Center Planning Committee.

Responsible for annual Fall Preview in the College of Agriculture. Coordinate annual event in October to host students interested in agriculture. Work with Admissions Office and search services to identify 14,000 prospects to invite to event.

Senior Author on USDA cooperative agreement for \$200,000 to co-sponsor a conference entitled “Markets, Tools, and Opportunities for Limited Resource Farmers” held in Modesto, California October 31 to November 2, 2000. Responsible for all conference arrangements. (Conference Services declined to operate conference off campus.)

Chair of Conference on distance learning held at Cal Poly for the Academic Programs Section of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. Summer 1998.

### **Overview of Activities as Head of the EHS Department**

**Teaching:** OH 243, Turfgrass Management, fall quarters.  
 OH 333, Sports Turf Management, spring quarters.  
 OH 463, Senior Seminar, fall and spring quarters 1995-96.

**Resource**

**Development:** Developed and implemented program entitled "Student Assistants Fund" to raise money to hire students to work in the EHS Department. Program consisted of two parts. Proposals were sent to corporations and associations in California, and a brochure was developed and sent to alumni. Approximately \$28,500 was raised during first year of the program.

Submitted successful proposal to the California Association of Nurserymen to establish new shade structure for nursery crop production.

Solicited and received donation of irrigation equipment valued at \$33,600 from Rainbird Corporation to be used on creeping bentgrass research and demonstration plot.

Solicited and received donations totaling \$27,000 from the Northern California Golf Association and private donors to develop the creeping bentgrass research and demonstration plot and storage building for equipment.

Solicited and received two sponsorships of gardens at the OH unit (\$3500 per year)

Received numerous donations of supplies and small equipment to support EHS programs.

**Other**

**Activities:** Established a Student Advisory Council consisting of the presidents of the two Department clubs and three elected members. Council provides input to the Department Head about student related matters.

Provided leadership for the EHS Advisory Council. Council is made up of leaders in the California horticulture industry and meets with the Department twice per year.

**Overview of Activities at the University of Illinois  
(1988-1994)**

**Teaching :** Horticulture 236, Turfgrass Management, once per year, fall semester.  
Horticulture 336, Perennial Grass Ecosystems, alternate years, spring semester.  
Horticulture 289, Issues Facing Professionals in Agriculture, once per year, fall semester. Course meets the University general education Composition II requirement (writing-intensive course). Students outside the College of Agriculture registered for the course for the fall 1994 semester.

Elected to membership in the College of Agriculture Academy of Teaching Excellence, spring 1994.

Named to the Incomplete List of Teachers Ranked Excellent by Their Students.

Member of the Council on Undergraduate Education. The Council was organized by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and addressed the priorities set forth by the Chancellor, Dr. Michael Aiken, regarding undergraduate education. Council played a major role in the development of the campus Freshmen Discovery Program and prepared a report recommending steps to improve undergraduate education at the U. of I.

**Research:** Research program concentrated on environmentally-related aspects of turfgrass science. Studies were conducted on nitrogen and pesticide fate, heat stress on cool season turfgrasses, and scheduling irrigation using an infrared thermometer. Most recent research program involved three areas: 1) studies on the nutrient utilization efficiency of cool season turfgrasses, 2) studies on general turfgrass management practices, and 3) cultivar, fertilizer, and pesticide evaluations.

**Student**

**Advising :** Advised an average of 15 undergraduates and several graduate students interested in specializing in turfgrass management. Placed undergraduate students with summer jobs as necessary and assisted with placement at graduation. Students were placed at prestigious golf clubs including

Medinah, Butler National, and Bellerive (St. Louis). Advised three Ph.D. students who are now either associate or full professors at major land grant universities (University of Illinois, Oklahoma State University, University of Massachusetts). Advised three M.S. students.

Receive the 1994 College of Agriculture Karl Gardner Outstanding Undergraduate Adviser Award.

Horticulture Club Faculty Advisor (1988-1991). One of two advisors to the Club. Club conducted a variety of activities with main activity a flower show which attracted 15,000 visitors. Club was recognized by the American Society for Horticultural Science as the Outstanding Horticulture Club for 1990 and 1991.

Student Advancement Committee Faculty Advisor (1990-92). One of two advisors. Group assisted in recruiting and promotional activities for the College of Agriculture and conducted the College phone-a-thon, an annual campaign aimed at donors in the \$5-\$300 range. In 1992, the group raised \$119,300 for development programs.

College of Agriculture Student Agricultural Council Faculty Advisor (1992-1994). Ag Council was made up of representatives of all of the College student clubs and served as a coordinating body for various activities.

Advisor to Textile and Apparel Group, School of Human Resources and Family Studies (1992-1994).

## **Student**

**Recruitment:** Recruiting video. Generated funding (\$15,000) from four sponsors and developed a video to promote careers in turfgrass management. Video was distributed to all schools in the U.S. and Canada that have programs in turfgrass management.

Recruiting brochure. Generated funding (\$2000) and developed brochure on careers in turfgrass management for distribution to high schools in Illinois. Approximately 10,000 copies have been distributed.

Graduate brochure. Compiled a brochure for Department of Horticulture Graduate Program. Worked with graphic artist.

Information night for students interested in graduate school. Developed and implemented a College of Agriculture program to inform undergraduates about graduate school. (93 undergraduates attended).

### **National**

**Activities:** Associate Editor, *Crop Science*. Journal published by the Crop Science Society of America. Responsible for handling manuscripts in Division C-5, Turfgrass Science (1989-1994).

Member of CSRS (Cooperative State Research Service, an agency of USDA) review team that conducted a comprehensive review of the Agronomy Department at Purdue University. November 5-9, 1990. Other reviewers were from Minnesota, Nebraska, California, and Missouri.

Attended leadership development course sponsored by the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy and the Cooperative State Research Service of the USDA on September 26 to October 2, 1992. The program involved a six-day workshop in Indianapolis, an in residence experience with the Illinois AES, and a three-day workshop in Washington DC in June 1993.

Member of committee to evaluate the regional research program and changes proposed by the committee of nine. This committee was made up of scientists from the North Central region and was initiated in July of 1993 with the goal of providing recommendations in a final report by March of 1994.

Member of Research Priorities Advisory Committee for the Scholarship and Research Fund of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

### **Campus**

**Activities:** Elected to Faculty Senate for the 1992-94 term.

Member of the University Student Life Committee of the Senate 1992-94, chair of Committee 1993-94.

Participated (1991-92) in "Faculty Fellows" program operated by the Division of Housing. Faculty member assigned a floor in a residence hall and meets with them on a regular basis for social and educational events.

Member of campus committee to review pesticide use on areas managed by the Division of Operations and Maintenance.

## **College**

**Activities:** Member of STRATCOM, committee that developed a reorganization plan for the College of Agriculture, Fall 1992.

College of Agriculture Educational Policy Committee 1988-1990. Chairman of Committee, 1989-90. Committee members were elected by the College faculty for a two year term, chairman was elected from the carryover members in the second year. During 1988-89: Authored "Enhancement of Teaching Grant Program" at request of Associate Dean (program implemented 1989). Authored "College of Agriculture Center of Excellence in Teaching" program. In 1989-90, Committee addressed the following issues: enrollment, scholarship programs, minority programs, curriculum revitalization, and faculty teaching development. Authored report on minority programs. Circulated survey instrument for evaluation of Director of Resident Instruction and authored evaluation report that was forwarded to the Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs.

Illinois Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta National Agricultural Honor Society (Vice-president, 1989-90, President, 1990-91). College-wide honor society. As President, added new event, wrote newsletter, and planned spring initiation banquet.

Graduate Student Workshop, January 1992. Developed a graduate student workshop for the College of Agriculture. Workshop addressed ethics and provided training on communications, developing grants, etc. Event was selected by Gamma Sigma Delta for honorable mention as best new chapter activity.

Member of selection committees for College teaching and advising awards (1987, 1988, 1990).

College of Agriculture Open House Committee. 1989-90. Involved in planning of open house activities.

## Department

**Activities:** Coordinated turfgrass research activities at the Ornamental Horticulture Research Center. Involved securing funding and materials for the operation of the research plots, supervising ag. gardener, coordinating requests for space, and serving as Associate Editor for the Illinois Turfgrass Research Report published by the Department.

Department of Horticulture Advisory Committee, 1986-92. Committee was elected by the faculty to serve in an advisory capacity to the Department Head regarding policies, faculty concerns, budgets, and other items. Committee reviewed and ranked faculty performance. Elected in first year of eligibility and served as chair for 1989-90.

Department of Horticulture Graduate Committee, 1988-90, Chairman for 1989-90. Major goal was to increase recruiting of domestic and minority graduate students for the Department. Requested and received funding from Graduate College for recruiting activities.

Chair of Department Scholarship Committee.

Chair of Turner Hall Space Committee.

Chair of the search committee for the Floriculture Crop Physiology/Production Systems position. Position slated filled in fall, 1994.

Member of Department Greenhouse Committee.

## Other

**Activities :** Advisor for Illinois Turfgrass Foundation. Foundation provided funding for turfgrass research program. Involved in planning Foundation activities including state turfgrass conference. Responsible for program coordination of the 1993 and 1994 turfgrass conferences. Developed funding formula to disperse research funds to four turfgrass researchers at two different universities.

Organized and conducted the John Masiunas Benefit Golf Tournament (August 19, 1992). John Masiunas, a faculty member in Horticulture, was paralyzed in an auto accident. The tournament and donations from

individuals generated \$14,000 that was used to defray John's medical expenses.

Turfgrass Alumni Golf Outing. Held golf outing in Chicago for former and current students in turfgrass management.

Certified Pesticide Applicator for the State of Illinois 1980-1994). Certified applicator for the State of California, 1987-1989.

Instructor and one of the organizers for the Indiana-Illinois Turfgrass Short Course. A week-long intensive course on basic turfgrass management run by the turfgrass scientists at University of Illinois and Purdue University. Offered February 20 - 25, 1994. Course was limited to 50 participants with a registration fee of \$450.