

Attachment #2

To: Millersville University Faculty Senate  
From: Department of English  
Date: 24 November 2008  
Subject: EMERITUS RESOLUTION FOR DR. STEVEN R. CENTOLA

Whereas: Dr. Steven R. Centola, Professor of English, with the deepest and most abiding commitment served in the Department of English from 1985 until 2007 when cancer forced him to take medical leave after 22 years of service to Millersville University; and

Whereas: Dr. Centola designed and taught a range of courses in American drama, the American novel, American regional literatures, and a number of seminars on the works of Arthur Miller, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, and Eugene O'Neill; and

Whereas: Dr. Centola authored more than twenty-five articles in scholarly journals on Arthur Miller and numerous essays published in book-length collections; he contributed to and edited *The Achievement of Arthur Miller: New Essays*; he edited Arthur Miller's theater essays, *Echoes Down the Corridor: Collected Essays, 1944-2000*; he was coeditor of *The Critical Response to Arthur Miller*; and he was a member of the editorial board of several journals in American Literature; and

Whereas: Dr. Centola created the first Millersville University Academic Theme in 1990 which focused on Arthur Miller; and at the same time Dr. Centola arranged a visit by Arthur Miller which led to the first international annual Arthur Miller Conference which in turn led to Dr. Centola's founding of the Arthur Miller Society that remains active and extends throughout the world; and as one of the most eminent Arthur Miller scholars, he was a consultant to the Metropolitan Opera and was interviewed on Public Broadcasting System and National Public Radio; and

Whereas: Dr. Centola chaired and served on numerous University-wide committees; he was elected to two terms as President of APSCUF-MU; he was co-architect of the Writing Across the Curriculum Seminars which helped institutionalize the importance of writing in all disciplines; he was a recognized leader in other areas of curriculum development; and he was Interim Dean of Graduate Studies from 2002 to 2005; and

Whereas: Dr. Centola was widely known for his dedication to student learning and to the encouragement of students; he was one of the first faculty members to teach a Freshman Year Experience seminar; he was either director or reader for over two dozen graduate and undergraduate thesis projects; he was widely involved in the teaching of underrepresented student populations; he was an advisor in the Exploratory Program; he was a consistent speaker at local high schools regarding literature and writing; in all ways, he was an exemplar of the liberal arts traditions in higher education;

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That Dr. Steven R. Centola be granted the honorary title of Professor of English Emeritus.