MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS EDWARD O. HUGDAHL

Emeritus Professor Edward O. Hugdahl, died on Sunday, August 20, 2006, at the Don and Marilyn
Anderson Hospice in Madison. He was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin on March 31, 1927, and attended
the La Crosse Public Schools. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps
performing personnel work. After completing his undergraduate and graduate studies in music at the
University of Wisconsin-Madison, he joined its faculty, serving for 40 years.

During his career, he focused on continuing education programs in music for youth, church musicians,
piano teachers and music educators. Always committed to serving a broad base of the state’s population,
he was highly involved in the development of 4-H music programs across the state, and was an early
pioneer in experimentation with distance learning techniques for music, including the Educational
Telephone (Television) Network (ETN). An active organist throughout his career, he also inaugurated an
enduring church music institute that gained national notoriety.

Until illness interfered, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends, swimming, studying, listening
to music, reading voraciously and volunteering. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary McCune
Hugdahl, whom he married in 1961; by a daughter, Regina (Richard) Brown of Lake Barrington, Illinois;
by a son, Franz (Catherine Mayes) of Ithaca, New York; and by five step-grandchildren and great-
grandchildren.

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