

Morehead State University

Faculty Senate

Resolution Honoring

Dr. Michael Hail

Dr. Michael Hail came to MSU in 2000 as Director of Research and Assistant Dean of the newly created Program of Distinction, the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP). Dr. Hail subsequently served as Dean and then Chair of IRAPP. He directed both the Government and MPA graduate programs. He also worked with the UK Martin School of Public Policy on a joint doctorate of Public Policy program, and, since 2004 as the Associate Director of the Institute for Federalism and Intergovernmental Relationships. He founded, directed, and obtained funding for the MSU Statesmanship Center and the MSU Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence.

As a Professor, Dr. Hail was instrumental in the creation of the Masters of Public Administration degree. He taught and mentored many students on to successful careers, obtained grants, and helped other faculty obtain grants. These grants, which totaled over twenty-million dollars, funded both research and service. He successfully obtained funding from HUD, the Department of Homeland Security, Defense Intelligence Agency, Rural Telecommunications Policy Institute, and NOAA. His tireless work also ensured the substantial initial investment of federal dollars to start the MSU Space Science Center. He constantly worked to recruit, hire, and mentor faculty to be successful teachers, scholars, and grantsman. Dr. Hail's leadership in Faculty Senate was instrumental on these issues as well as equity and support for faculty research.

Dr. Hail was a prolific scholar, publishing articles, books, and book chapters, as well as taking leadership roles in various scholarly organizations. He was appointed to the Truman Scholarship committee by both President Obama and President Trump. He had leadership roles with the American Political Science Association, American Society for Public Administration, Southern Political Science Association, and Kentucky Political Science Association. He served as editor or an editorial board member for *PUBLIUS: The Journal of Federalism*, *Commonwealth Political Science Review*, *Public Administration Review*, and *The Federalism Report*. His outstanding scholarship and grantsmanship were recognized with scholarly awards.

His classroom teaching style and curriculum development work have been recognized with teaching awards. He worked tirelessly to help students find jobs and internships in government and the private sector.

His legacy will live on through the amazing students whom he helped teach and mentor who themselves went on to outstanding futures. He will also be remembered by the colleagues who had the honor to work with him over the past 20 years.