

Kenneth R. Doane

DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION

B.S., Mathematics and Science, Wisconsin State College, La Crosse; M.S.,
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California State University, Fullerton From September 1960 to August 1980
Death: 2001

Ken Doane received a B.A. degree in Mathematics and Science from Wisconsin State College, Lacrosse, and then an MS and Ph.D. in education from University of Wisconsin. He taught at Montana State College beginning in 1945, then at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota beginning in 1949.

Ken came to CSUF in 1960 as Professor of Education and the first Chairman of the Division of Education and Psychology. "Orange County State College" was only two years old when President Langsdorf recruited him. He subsequently became the first Dean of Education and initiated the Early Childhood Education Program. His love of statistical analysis, educational research and evaluation was intense, and he served on the "Educational Research Faculty" of the Division (and then of the School) of Education for many years.

Subsequent to the first mainframe computer being installed on campus in 1965, he left his position as Dean to serve as the Director of Institutional Research for the next fifteen years. He also served on President Langsdorf's Cabinet in the mid-60s. Ken was a good listener and loved mentoring colleagues. A perfectionist and workaholic, he helped create the value orientation of the early campus. Detail-oriented, hard-working, and committed to providing work of the highest standards, he was always positive and consistently gave others most of the credit for projects.

He returned briefly to teaching before he retired in 1980. Even after retirement he remained active on campus with the Emeriti Association, where he was the originator and editor of the BOOK OF TRIBUTES until his death in 2001. He was also actively involved in the fund-raising project "It's Our University." He served as coordinator of CSUF's 25th anniversary steering committee. He was honored by President Gordon in 1994 for his volunteer contributions.

Although Ken was always quick to smile, he appeared very serious; his love of slapstick comedy and his self-deprecating humor remained unknown to most of the campus. (He liked to say that his smile looked like the grill of a '57 Buick!) At home with Eunice, his wife of fifty years, and his two sons he liked to garden and to make furniture. Eunice passed away in 1997 and Ken followed in 2001 after complications from diabetes.

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