

IN MEMORIAM

*George Macesich**

**Bernard F. Sliger, Ph.D.,
1924-2007**

**Professor Emeritus of Economics
and President Emeritus**

**The Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida**



Professor Bernard F. Sliger (“Bernie”) will be long remembered for his easy-going nature and the forward thinking leadership he provided in academic affairs and to international cooperation and understanding.

In particular he promoted academic exchanges between The Florida State University and the countries of former Yugoslavia. As an economist, he was especially interested in the ongoing studies in the *Ekonomski Institut*, Zagreb. His support for research and the “Yugoslav Model” and the exchange of economists between Tallahassee and Zagreb produced many important published studies, including *Essays on the Yugoslav Economic Model*, ed. George Macesich, Rikard Lang, and Dragomir Vojnić, (New York, London: Praeger Publishers, 1989).

Professor Sliger taught at The Florida State University, Michigan State University, and Louisiana State University. His special field of interest was economic theory and public finance and he frequently served as consultant to private and public commissions and organizations.

He spent 19 years as a faculty member and administrator at Louisiana State University, during which time he served as head of the economics department, member and chairman of the graduate council, dean of academic affairs, and vice chancellor. He served a year as the state of Louisiana’s secretary of administra-

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tion and then organized the Louisiana Coordinating Council for Higher Education becoming executive director from 1969 to 1972.

Dr. Sliger served as President of The Florida State University from 1977 to 1991 after serving four years as the university's executive vice president and chief academic officer. He served again as interim president from 1993 to 1994.

Professor Sliger served as Director of The Florida State University Stavros Center for the Advancement of Free Enterprise and Education from 1992 to 1994. While the lingering effects from a stroke suffered in 1993 limited his plans to be an active teacher and researcher, he kept busy in University activities until his death on October 10, 2007.

“Bernie” was a special person. There will never be another. He was my friend—a very smart man without pretensions. He is certainly missed.