

**RESOLUTION ON THE RETIREMENT OF
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR JOHN D. POWELL**

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The members of the Political Science Department, and the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Jackson College of Tufts University, hereby express our warm appreciation for our recently retired colleague, Professor John D. Powell. The Department and the University have benefited from his many contributions over the past twenty-two years, a long record of valuable academic, advising, and administrative service to our community.

Professor Powell received his undergraduate education at the University of Maryland, double majoring in Mathematics and Psychology, following which he served in the Air Force as a pilot. In 1961, he began work in the field that would hold his interest for many years, Latin American politics, and more specifically the political activity of peasants. He attended the School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University, and after field research in Venezuela, he worked on research at the Library of Congress. He received his Master's degree from SAIS in 1962.

In 1963, he entered the University of Southern California and three years later, and after two more stints in the jungles of Venezuela, he received his Ph.D. in 1966. He taught at USC for one year, and then came to Cambridge, where he worked at the Center for Rural Development as Director of Research and also was appointed as a Research Associate at Harvard's Center for International Affairs. In school year 1968-69, he worked half time as a lecturer at Harvard, and joined on a half-time basis the Faculty at Tufts. The next year he went full-time here.

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Professor Powell taught our Latin American courses for many years as well as other courses in Comparative Politics and American Politics. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1971, and served as Chairman of the Department for the period 1984-87. He published a book called Peasant Mobilization and Agrarian Reform with the Harvard University Press as well as a number of journal articles relating to Latin America. In the late 1970's, in part because of volunteer activity with his local government, he developed a very strong and lasting interest in the environment. He had many other appointments at the local and state levels in this field, and began with great enthusiasm a new program of research which has continued to this day. He has published a number of articles and book chapters relating to this subject in recent years.

John has participated with many of the related units and departments of Tufts in his concern for the environment. He has been an associate faculty member with the Department of Urban and Environmental Policy, a Senior Researcher with the Center for Environmental Management, and a Research Associate with the Filene Center. He has been a valued colleague in all of these places.

John has retired early because he wishes to work in still another "vineyard", namely counseling people troubled by substance abuse. There is every reason to believe he will give his all to this effort in the coming decade or so. We look forward to hearing about this new career as it develops. And, we understand his insistence on giving it his full attention and thus needing to leave the University.

We wish Professor Powell well in this new activity, and we ask that our tribute to him be spread upon the record of this faculty meeting and that a copy be sent to Professor Powell.

For the Faculty,

Jeffrey Berry
Frank Colcord
John Gibson

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