Requiem to Bob Hawkins, a great colleague and a member of the Editorial Advisory Board

It is with a heavy heart that we bring you the sad news about the death of Professor Robert G. Hawkins, who died unexpectedly in his home in Spencertown, NY.

We would like to acknowledge Bob’s contribution to Texas A&M International University. As a founding member of the Global Advisory Board of our PhD, he provided valuable advice and counsel to the University and to me personally. Not only did he lend his name and prestige to the program and the University, but attended the inaugural meeting of the Board in 2004, and several other meetings, including the annual conference and the PhD Students Consortium meetings subsequently. He also led the faculty retreat at the A. R. Sanchez, Jr., School of Business and gave support to our students on many occasions. Bob also served on the Editorial Advisory Board of International Trade Journal, by giving advice and reviewing manuscripts.

The Academy of International Business, where he had served as president and later as the dean of the AIB Fellows, posted the following on its web site:

Robert G. Hawkins of Spencertown, NY, died suddenly at his home on Aug. 22, 2008 at the age of 72. A well-known economist and academic, his career spanned three universities culminating at Georgia Tech, where he was professor Emeritus and Dean of the Ivan Alan College of Management. Prior to GT, he served as Dean of the School of Management at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for eight years. His academic career started at New York University where he received his Ph.D. in economics in 1966 and later became professor of Economics and International Business. He also held roles as chairman of International Business, Chairman of the Finance Department and served as Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration. He served as a consultant to many organizations throughout his career, including USIA, the US Treasury, the Port Authority of NY, GE, IBM, and Morgan Guaranty. He was an active board member of numerous corporations and served as president of the Academy of International Business and Executive Secretary Treasurer of the American Finance Association. An active, generous and compassionate man, he will be missed by the many whose lives he touched.

We are all grateful to him for having helped us generously and graciously, and will remember him fondly.

The Editor and staff