

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

ROBERT C. FISHER

Biographical Sketch

Dr. Robert C. Fisher, Director of the Division of Natural and Applied Sciences, and Chairman, Department of Mathematics and Statistics in the College of Arts and Sciences, has been a member of the faculty since September 1, 1971.

He was formerly professor and vice-chairman in the Ohio State University mathematics department, where he was a member of the faculty since 1952. He received recognition as one of the outstanding teachers at Ohio State when he became one of the first five recipients of the \$1,000 Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, presented in 1960.

Dr. Fisher was born in Shelbyville, Ind., attended high school in Hope, Kansas, and received his higher education at the Iowa State University and the University of Kansas, where he received the bachelor of arts degree in 1948, the master of arts degree in 1949 and the Ph.D. in 1952.

He served as an instructor at the University of Kansas from 1948-51, and held a university fellowship there in 1951-52. He joined the Ohio State faculty as an instructor; was promoted to the rank of assistant professor in 1955, to that of associate professor in 1958 and to professor in 1964. In 1969, he was named Vice-Chairman of the department.

During 1953-54 he was a research associate in Ohio State's Antenna Research Laboratory. During 1958-59 he was a consultant for research projects in the department of mechanical engineering. He was mathematics director of the National Science Foundation Summer Institutes for High School mathematics teachers conducted at Ohio State in 1959-63.

In 1965 he was appointed to a five-member committee to develop educational plans for the University College at Ohio State. He was elected to the Faculty Advisory Committee to the President and the Board of Trustees in 1965 and served as chairman of that committee in 1967-68. He began serving as a member of the university Council on Academic Affairs in 1969.

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Dr. Fisher is the co-author of the books, "Integrated Algebra and Trigonometry," first published in 1958 with a revised edition appearing in 1967, and "Calculus and Analytic Geometry," first published in 1959 with a revised second edition appearing in 1965. He is the author of the book "An Introduction to Linear Algebra," published in 1970.

He was a participant in a National Science Foundation project dealing with educational media in mathematics held at Stanford University during the summers of 1964 and 1965, and has produced three films to be used as teaching aids in college mathematics. He is a member of the Film Advisory Committee of the Mathematical Association of America.

Dr. Fisher spent the summer of 1966 in Kenya as a member of a team supported by the Agency for International Development (AID) to produce textual materials in mathematics for use in a number of African countries.

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