Dear Beach Community:

It is with regret and sadness we share the news that Dr. David Hood passed away Thursday morning.

David was a beloved colleague and professor, as well as a respected scholar in the fields of ancient and medieval history, ancient literature and early Western civilization. In addition to being an established and noted researcher, David taught graduate and undergraduate courses and he often led classes on trips to locations in Greece, Italy, Sicily, Egypt, England and France. So popular were these excursions, and his students were so appreciative of his work and efforts, that a number of David's former students established the Ancient History Travel Scholarship Fund to support student travel to Greek and Roman sites with him.

David was a tireless faculty colleague, serving as one of three Long Beach State University representatives to the Academic Senate of the California State University, as a member of the Faculty Affairs Committee and the General Education Advisory Committee of the ASCSU. Notably, David was also a member of our campus' Academic Senate and of its Executive Committee. He also played a vital role as the CSULB accreditation liaison officer to the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

David once said, "Getting to know each other is important. Professors teach students and students teach their professors. Everyone learns, and that is the entire point of this wonderful teaching and learning environment we call The Beach."

We Are One Beach.

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