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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 19, 2014

TO: The Campus Community

FROM: Horace Mitchell
President 

SUBJECT: The Passing of Dr. Victor K. Lasseter

It is with regret and sadness that I inform you of the passing of Dr. Victor K. Lasseter, CSUB Professor of English, Emeritus. He died peacefully at his home on March 13, 2014 at the age of 74.

Dr. Lasseter was a founding faculty member who joined then-California State College, Bakersfield in 1970 as an associate professor of English, and was instrumental in designing and developing the department's curriculum. He earned his B.A. from Washington and Lee University, his M.A. from Florida State University, and his Ph.D. from Harvard University. Dr. Lasseter taught across the breadth of American literature and was beloved by his students and colleagues. He published numerous articles in various publications including the premiere journal, *American Literature*. He frequently focused on, among other areas, the women writers in the American South. He served as Department Chair from 1997-2001. Dr. Lasseter retired in 2001, but continued to teach under the FERP program until 2006. He was named CSUB Professor of English, Emeritus during that same year. The following is a quote from Professor Steven Frye, English Department: "Victor Lasseter was a consummate mentor, teacher, and friend. I owe him more than I can say."

The CSUB flag will fly at half-staff tomorrow (March 20th) in his honor. We extend condolences to his wife Linda, their family, faculty colleagues and staff in the English department, and his beloved students. A luncheon will be held in his memory on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at First Congregational Church, 5 Real Road (at Stockdale Highway), Bakersfield, 93309. All are invited to attend.