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**To:** Colleagues <colleagues@groups.csusb.edu>  
**Subject:** Passing of Dr. Lynne Díaz-Rico

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Lynne Díaz-Rico, a longtime faculty member and friend of our campus community. We were notified by her husband, Phillip, that she passed this morning.

Lynne joined the College of Education's Department of Teacher Education & Foundations in 1989 and soon after developed the master in education, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) option. She served as coordinator and advisor for this program for nearly 30 years. She also designed and facilitated programs of instruction for visiting international university faculty in the College of Extended and Global Education.

Among her extensive contributions, she authored more than 50 publications, gave dozens of presentations and served the campus community in a number of capacities, from mentoring students in research to serving as chair of the Faculty Professional Development Coordinating Committee of the Faculty Senate. She was equally involved in the greater community as an external reviewer and past president-elect of the professional organization California/Nevada Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages.

Lynne's passing is a loss to the entire CSUSB family and all those who knew and worked with her. We send our condolences to her husband, Phillip, and the Rico's family, friends and colleagues, and ask everyone to keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time. Additional information regarding services will be provided by the College of Education as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Shari McMahan  
Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs