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**To:** Colleagues <colleagues@groups.csusb.edu>  
**Subject:** Passing of Peter Williams

Dear Colleagues,

I write with a heavy heart to share with you the untimely passing of Peter Williams, a respected colleague and friend of Cal State San Bernardino for more than 35 years. We were informed that he had a heart attack last week.

Peter joined CSUSB in 1983 as a lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and became a professor in 1993. Six years later, he was named chair of the department where he served approximately 15 years before being named associate dean of the College of Natural Sciences in July 2014. Three years later, he was appointed a one-year term as interim dean of the college.

His extensive experience and leadership skills, ranging from renovation oversight for three major projects to the mentorship of chairs, were later tapped into as interim associate dean for the College of Arts and Letters. Most recently, he served as the college's senior dean's fellow for scheduling and strategic enrollment. He earned his Ph.D. and bachelor's degree from the University of St Andrews in Scotland.

Peter's passing is a loss to the entire CSUSB family and all those who knew and worked with him. He was fondly admired for his meticulous analytical skills, insightful comments, calm and abiding demeanor, wit, and dry sense of humor.

We send our condolences to his wife, Ximena, and family, and ask everyone to keep them in their thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time. Peter's memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. July 15 at Water of Life Community Church's chapel (7625 East Ave., Fontana, Calif. 92336). Condolences can we sent directly to his wife via email [williamsximena@gmail.com](mailto:williamsximena@gmail.com) or by mail (15194 Portico Lane, Fontana, CA 92336).

Warm regards,

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