

SP24.01 Conferring of Professor Emeritus for Professor Joel Lamore

Whereas, Joel was a beloved and respected Professor at SBVC for almost 30 years; and,

Whereas, San Bernardino Valley College owes a profound debt of thanks to our colleague Joel Lamore for his dedication to students, the English Department and the SBVC college community. Joel's commitment to students were his main priority. He was an advisor to the Writer's Block, a campus club, and he developed and published the student magazine, Phinneas, which showcased student writing. He also organized student poetry readings several times each semester. Joel also often mentored new English faculty, and his door was always open to offer thoughtful advice. His contributions to the English department in terms of policy, procedure, and curriculum have left an indelible imprint on all who had the opportunity to know and work with him. Joel's commitment and dedication to San Bernardino Valley College and his colleagues is also evident in his roles serving on the Academic Senate serving as Senator and Academic Senate Secretary for many years. In these roles, Joel was always prepared to share thoughtful, wise, and researched perspectives on agenda items, to seek input from and represent the Division of Arts and Humanities and the faculty body at large, to demonstrate collegial conversation, and to stand for what was best for the faculty and students at San Bernardino Valley College. His ability to embody the role and purpose of service on the Academic Senate is a legacy he has left for the faculty body to emulate and will have an impact for years to come.; and,

Whereas, AP 7210 Academic Employees (Academic Rank) authorizes Professor Emeritus as a title to be granted to "retiring faculty who have served a minimum of 10 years in the district upon favorable decision by the Academic Senate following a recommendation by the Committee on Academic Rank," and "committee recommendations will be submitted to the Academic Senate for approval; and,

Whereas the advancement in rank process rewards services rendered to the college and the college community, and promotes a culture of service to the college and the college community, and Joel was denied the opportunity to apply for retirement due to his sudden and tragic passing;

Resolved, that the Academic Senate waive the retirement requirement to grant Professor Emeritus status to Professor Joel Lamore in honor of his dedication and commitment to San Bernadino Valley College that will benefit faculty and generations of students for years to come.

