MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty and Adjuncts

From: Kenneth G. Furton, Provost and Executive Vice President

Date: January 13, 2015

Re: Passing of Dr. Phillip Marcus

The Department of English is saddened to announce the passing of Dr. Phillip Marcus on January 10, 2015.

Professor Marcus came to FIU in 1995 after a distinguished career at Cornell University. A renowned scholar of the poetry of William Butler Yeats, he taught courses ranging from Approaches to Literature to British Modernism to the American Crisis Poem. He touched the lives of hundreds of students, many of whom took several classes from him and attended his “coffee hours” at Starbuck’s and at the Barnes and Noble Cafe. He will be deeply missed by his students and colleagues, and by all who knew him.

As was his wish, no funeral services are planned. However, the English Department will arrange a memorial at FIU later this semester to celebrate Dr. Marcus’s life and work. When arrangements have been made, details will be provided through e-mail.

In the interim, the department of English invites your students, present and past, to post memories of Dr. Marcus. This can be done either electronically, on their departmental Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/FIUEnglish), or physically, in the department, on either the GEA or Sigma Tau Delta bulletin boards, underneath the heading, “it’s great to be here!”