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Frank Martino, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Physics, and former Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, passed away April 19, 2020. Dr. Martino earned the A.B. degree in 1959 from Harvard College and in 1960 was awarded the Diploma in Physics from the University of Padua (Italy). In 1961, he received the M.S. degree from the University of Illinois and the Ph.D. in 1966 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Martino's university service included executive positions as Acting Dean of Science at The City College of New York, Graduate School and University Center, Ph.D. Program in Physics (1978-1983); Dean of Science, The City College of New York (1983-1987); Provost at Portland State University (1987-1991); Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Cal State Hayward (East Bay) (1991-2004). He retired in 2004.

Regarding his research interests, he served as a research scientist at the University of Uppsala, Sweden (1967-1968), was a Visiting Research Director of Tech High School, Stockholm, Sweden (1969), appointed Research Supervisor at Linkoping University, Sweden (1973-1976), and served as Regional Director of the National Foundation for Cancer Research (1978-1984). Dr. Martino was also a Senior Fellow at the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (1991).

He published many articles in refereed journals in the fields of condensed matter theory, phase transitions and disorder systems. He was fluent in several languages, including Italian and Swedish.

As Provost and Vice President at Cal State East Bay, some of the administrative achievements in which he was involved are the following: the establishment of the engineering program in the College of Science; the first major capital project as a public-private undertaking at this campus - the campaign for the Valley Business and Technology Building; supervision of the opening of the new 375 acre Concord Campus; and the establishment of distance learning facilities and multimedia instruction with the branch campus and other off-campus sites.

Per his wishes, no services were held.