ELIO C. BELLUCCI

On Wednesday, October 22, 2008 our beloved colleague, professor and friend, Elio C. Bellucci passed away. At the time of his passing, Dr. Bellucci was Chair of the Faculty in the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

Dr. Bellucci joined the staff of the School in September, 1982 and rose from the rank of Associate Professor to Professor with tenure. He was a highly respected educator, trial lawyer, seminar leader, lecturer, author and nationally recognized expert on hospitality law. Prior to coming to FIU, he enjoyed a successful thirty year career as a trial lawyer in his home state of Massachusetts.

Dr. Bellucci served on multiple committees at FIU including the Provost's Council of 51, the School's Executive Committee, the Faculty Senate Graduate Council, and the School's curriculum committee. In addition, he was an Associate Editor of the FIU Hospitality Review, and served as the Chair of the Faculty of the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management from 2003. Dr. Bellucci received numerous FIU awards including the 1992 Excellence in Teaching award, the Teaching Incentive Bonus award in 1993, and, was nominated for the University Service Award. A prolific writer, he published 140 articles in the Southern Beverage Journal; 50 articles in the Indiana Beverage Journal; 17 articles in the New Jersey Beverage Journal; and 26 articles respectively in the Illinois and Wisconsin Beverage Journals.

Active outside of FIU, he was a member of the Florida Hotel and Lodging Association, the National Association of Catering Executives, the National Restaurant Association, Florida Restaurant Association, International Food Service Executive Association, and the National Association of Housekeepers, among others.

Elio and his wife, Mary, have two daughters, three grandchildren, and, two great-grandchildren. The thousands of students who were the recipients of his intellect and guidance will always remember him as a man of inspiration and dedication. He will truly be missed by all of us who were touched by his life.