

Resolution Honoring Dr. Amir Dabirian

Whereas the amount of coffee he drank during the 19 years of service on Senate and the 41 years of service at CSUF pales in comparison to his love of the campus, his commitment to student success, and his care for his colleagues; and

Whereas his strategic, tireless, and sometimes annoyingly persistent efforts ensure healthy enrollment and fiscal health at CSUF; and

Whereas he demonstrates the ultimate anti-silo approach, takes care of business in all areas of the university, and proves that the transition from VPIT to VPAA is humanly possible; and

Whereas once he sees a space need to support students, faculty, or staff, he is unstoppable and can pull off renovations so fast that one wonders if he has a secret construction crew; and

Whereas being a natural problem-solver, he cannot help but look for trouble, leading to many of us having our problems solved before we finish reporting them; and

Whereas he fearlessly advocates for diversity and inclusion and established the first Black Academic Success Program at CSUF; and

Whereas his support for accessibility led to the supplying of additional monitors for PLN 130, enabling the sight-challenged senators in “the peanut gallery” to finally be able to see what amendment we’re discussing; and

Whereas his technological acumen, forward-thinking mindset, and “I can do that” attitude make CSUF the best IT-supported institution in the CSU, and ensured our students, faculty, and staff had the most smooth transition possible during COVID; and

Whereas luckily his commitment to data security is balanced with his understanding of human behaviors, saving us from having to change passwords every three months; and

Whereas his commitment to technology and being an early adopter is so complete that he remains the only person on a Segway among the tens of thousands at Commencement every year; and

Whereas his office is the only source of Coke products within a quarter mile, he always has chocolate and \$2 bills in his pockets, and wherever he is, people come for snacks, conversations, laughter, and comradery; and

Whereas he is a lifelong Titan, those few weebegotten months at Golden Shores notwithstanding; and

Whereas he has taught many different courses at CSUF, on top of all of his official and unofficial responsibilities; and

Whereas under his leadership, CSUF established one of the few operational CSU Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA) committees in Southern California, making us a model NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA program; and therefore, be it

Resolved that in honor of Dr. Amir Dabirian’s many years of service, wisdom, and good humor, the Academic Senate hereby grants him the privilege of making one final, ceremonial “motion to adjourn” as Provost — a motion that carries not only the weight of tradition but also the gratitude of an entire campus community. Though this meeting may adjourn, his impact on Cal State Fullerton will continue to inspire, innovate, and uplift for generations to come.