RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of California State University, Fullerton, respectfully requests that Chancellor Reed and the CSU Board of Trustees confer President Emeritus status on Dr. Milton A. Gordon upon his retirement.

RATIONALE: While Dr. Gordon has been CSUF President, the following happened:

1. We became the first CSU campus to install a fiber optic infrastructure;
2. We added over 4 million gross square feet of facilities, including 863,500 square feet of instructional space for a total cost of $634 million;
3. Our College of Arts gave almost 1,700 performances attended by almost 237,000 patrons;
4. We developed 25 new degree programs plus a doctorate in education and are currently developing a doctorate in nursing practice;
5. Seven CSUF “family members” received the CSU’s prestigious Wang Family Excellence Award;
6. Our under-represented student enrollment has grown from 31.15% in 1990 to 56.28% in 2011;
7. Our faculty has become increasingly diversified in terms of race, gender and ethnicity;
8. University Gables and University Heights were built to meet the need for Faculty/Staff housing;
9. The Guardian Scholars Program was launched to encourage and support promising young men and women exiting the foster care system;
10. Our grants and contracts have grown $5.6 million in 1990-91 to $26.6 million this year for a grand total of over $235 million;
11. Total annual student enrollment has grown by almost 10,000 students;
12. We conferred over 128,000 degrees;
13. Almost 900 new tenure track faculty were hired and 252 faculty were promoted to full professor and 332 to associate professor;
14. CSUF received almost 500,000 applications for admission;
15. We endorsed and approved a Statement on Civility, which is a model for the CSU;
16. Our athletic program earned two (2) national championships and 38 Conference championships;
17. CSUF increased both the profile and support for research, scholarship and creativity, including, but not limited to, monies for new hires to establish their research agendas;
18. We went from having 3,648 periodical titles in 1990 to approximately 68,000 in 2009-2010, of which 64,000 are now electronic;
19. The number of international/exchange agreements grew from 7 to 84, further cementing our reputation as a university with a global perspective;
20. We endorsed principles of sustainability and are working to incorporate this very important issue into the curriculum as appropriate, and into the campus infrastructure as well;
21. We developed an Honors Program as well as Fullerton First Year to build a sense of community among our entering students;

22. CSUF raised in excess of $179 million in philanthropic support, and we have had a nineteen fold increase in our endowment;

23. Over 574,000 library books were acquired and over 4 million library collection items were circulated;

24. Dr. Gordon received the President’s Award of Excellence, 2010 Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities;

25. We managed our financial resources in a collaborative manner and planned accordingly as well and continue to stress access to quality programs for our students;

26. We continued to focus on improving both retention and graduation rates to help produce an educated workforce for California;

27. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Dr. Gordon championed “The Fullerton Way” of collegial governance where respectful discussions are the norm and decision-making is transparent, collaborative and productive.

Passed unanimously by the Academic Senate Executive Committee on October 11, 2011

Passed by the Academic Senate October 13, 2011 (Consent Calendar)