CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON



Academic Senate

ASD 11-170 Passed by the Academic Senate 10-13-11

**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)