

Resolution in Honor of Dr. William (Bill) Briggs

Whereas Dr. William Briggs, Dean of the College of Communications, in the hereafter referred to as Bill, joined the CSUF family in January 2011; and

Whereas Bill served as tenured full professor at California State University, San Jose for over 27 years; and

Whereas Bill is an excellent negotiator and successfully hired nine tenure tenure/track faculty for the College during his leadership. A recent faculty hire in communicative disorders was particularly challenging because of the few qualified professionals in the field, yet Dean Briggs was successful in negotiating a 2015 hire; and

Whereas Bill was instrumental in developing university relationships in Mexico, Cuba, Russia, and the prestigious Salzburg (Austria) Seminar as well as continuing relationships with institutions in Korea, China and Japan; and

Whereas Bill was instrumental in developing a Latino Communication initiative that has reached out to communities and established our the College of Communications as a leader in this effort; and

Whereas the 6 year graduation rates for the last 3 graduating cohorts of first-time full-time freshman in the College of Communications have consistently increased from 58.5% to 63.3% on Bill's watch; and

Whereas additionally, the 6 year graduation rate gap between underrepresented and non-underrepresented students for the last 3 graduating FTF cohorts in the College of Communications has been decreasing from 8% to 4.7% on Bill's watch; and

Whereas the one-year retention rate for first-time freshmen in College of Communications for the last 3 cohorts are 88.8%, 87.8% and 91.7%; and

Whereas Dr. Briggs has never met a wine that he didn't like; and

Whereas Dr. Briggs is trading in his Armani suits, silk ties and matching hankies for Wrangler jeans, boots and "Down Under" hat; and

Whereas Dr. Briggs is moving from his 500 ft. Fullerton apartment to his spacious 10 acres in Morgan Hill; and

Whereas Dr. Briggs will be seen plowing his farm on a Caterpillar tractor rather than driving south on the 57 Freeway in his sporty BMW;

Resolved that the Academic Senate thank Dr. Briggs for his support of things Academic Senate and his loyal presence at its meetings; and be it further

Resolved that the Academic Senate wishes Dr. Briggs not only excellent health but also spend countless hours of babysitting his grandchildren and enjoying fine wines; and be it finally

Resolved that the Academic Senate recommends to the President and the Provost the conferral of Emeritus status upon Dr. Briggs effective upon his retirement.

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Sean Walker, Chair, The Academic Senate, CSU Fullerton

Read by Senator Dabirian at the A.S. Marathon meeting 5-15-14