



## Resolution

### In Support of the Fullerton Arboretum

**Whereas:** Interest in an Arboretum on the CSUF campus was initially cultivated by Orange State College (now CSUF) faculty and the Orange County Community in 1971; and

**Whereas:** The Fullerton Arboretum is an accredited level 4 arboretum, one of 28 in the world; and

**Whereas:** As part of its mission, the Fullerton Arboretum educates the Southern California community, local K-12 students, and CSUF students about biodiversity, sustainability, and agriculture; and

**Whereas:** The Fullerton Arboretum supports faculty and student research especially in the areas of biodiversity, sustainability, and agriculture across the disciplines at CSUF; and

**Whereas:** The Fullerton Arboretum is “a treasured asset that provides much needed green space and serves as a living laboratory for the campus and the community” (per the CSUF Masterplan FAQ- <https://masterplan.fullerton.edu/files/ArboretumFAQs.pdf> accessed May 13, 2019); and

**Whereas:** Since the Fullerton Arboretum joint powers agreement between CSUF and the City of Fullerton, and the land lease associated therewith, is set to expire in December 2020, with the Arboretum property, the Arboretum entity and all associated governance, administration and financial obligations reverting to CSUF, the Arboretum will become a wholly-subsumed administrative unit of CSUF; and

**Whereas:** CSUF is developing a new Master Plan focused on future uses and configurations of the CSUF campus, including the CSUF Arboretum, and as part of that master planning process, it has not yet been determined whether new buildings will be placed in the CSUF Arboretum and, if so, what buildings; therefore, be it

**Resolved:** The Academic Senate is deeply appreciative of President Virjee’s public commitment to respecting and maintaining the current CSUF Arboretum footprint and to building structures on the CSUF Arboretum only after appropriate consultation with the University community including, but not limited to, the CSUF Arboretum administrative unit, the Academic Senate, and other interested University stakeholders; and further only to build structures or alter footprints in ways that further integrate the CSUF Arboretum into the academic and University life of CSUF; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the Academic Senate stands ready to collaborate with the Administration and Arboretum to work closely in fostering the deeper involvement of the Arboretum in all aspects of University life; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the CSUF Academic Senate supports the consideration of future construction in the Arboretum that furthers the missions of both the Fullerton Arboretum and CSUF; and be it further

**Resolved:** That copies of this resolution be sent to  
Greg Dymont, Fullerton Arboretum Director,  
The Fullerton Arboretum Commission,  
Chris Swarat, Associate Vice President, Extension and International Programs,  
Danny Kim, Vice-President Administration and Finance,  
Pamella Oliver, Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, and  
Framroze Virjee, President.

**Source:**

Former Academic Senate Chair Jack Bedell  
Professor of Anthropology John Bock  
Former Academic Senate Chair Vince Buck  
Former Academic Senate Chair Scott Hewitt  
Academic Senate Chair Mark Hoven Stohs  
Former Academic Senate Chair Sean Walker