



## **Resolution in Commendation of Dean Morteza Rahmatian, College of Business and Economics**

**Whereas** Dean Rahmatian joined the Titan Family in the Fall of 1988 as a tenure-track faculty of the Economics Department. Professor Rahmatian has served in many academic and administrative roles, including a member of Academic Senate, Chair of the Department of Economics, Associate Dean for College Business and Economics, Associate Vice President of South County Operations, and finally as Dean of College of Business and Economics, and

**Whereas** Dean Rahmatian was the only administrator, who refused to stop teaching while serving in his administrative roles and throughout his years had 11,827 students attend his classes; and

**Whereas** Dean Rahmatian is larger than life, stronger than Hercules (moving rocks with his bare hands), fastest than Superman and full of an unending commitment and energy for students, a loyal friend, and colleague, and possessed an insatiable appetite for Diet Coke and good food of any kind, he has not found a chicken wing he did not like; and

**Whereas** Dean Rahmatian is the craziest of drivers (making every drive exciting), the most generous with his caring, the boldest of advocates, the most self-deprecating and humble (well maybe not), and full of boundless energy and commitment to his university family; and

**Whereas** Dean Rahmatian is a fun person to be around and never watched an episode of Taxi that he did not like; and

**Whereas** Dean Rahmatian is a team builder, strategic thinker, cares about students deeply and the mission of CSUF and has a great sense of humor that he uses to be more effective; and

**Whereas** Dean Rahmatian is a great ambassador for the college and has raised over 16.7 million dollars during the past five years; and

**Whereas** Dean Rahmatian works exceptionally well with faculty in support of collegiality and shared governance; and

**Whereas** Dean Rahmatian has devoted his whole self and his unending efforts to the CSUF College of Business and Economics, including his incomparable singing voice, incredible ballet grace, and his ever-growing eyebrows;

**Whereas** Dean Rahmatian once tried to tell the university president that the person with the shortest title is the most important, meaning that the one-syllable title of "Dean" outranks the three-syllable title of president; and

**Whereas** Dean Rahmatian has led the AACSB reaccreditation of the College of Business and Economics as the largest AACSB accredited business school on the west coast; and

**Whereas** Dean Rahmatian lead the college to increase the four-year graduation rate by 30 percent and reduced the equity gap by 87 percent; and

**Whereas** Dean Rahmatian took the lead in the creation of the new school of accountancy; and

**Whereas** Dean Rahmatian has a high dedication to CSUF students and student success, and he invented the phrase “students first” long before the term was adopted in higher education, and

**Whereas** above all, Dean Rahmatian must wear his high-heel shoes every day during his retirement; therefore, be it



**Resolved** that the Academic Senate of California State University, Fullerton expresses its appreciation and gratitude for Dean Rahmatian’s service to California State University, Fullerton and to shared governance; and be it further

**Resolved** that the Academic Senate of California State University, Fullerton wishes Dean Rahmatian the very best in his retirement and permanent vacation in Laguna Beach.

