Cal State Fullerton

Date: January 23, 2025

Academic Senate

Resolution on Extending Grace to Fellow Titans

Whereas: The recent fires throughout Los Angeles County have caused widespread devastation,

displacement, and loss of property, resulting in significant trauma and heightened anxiety that have impacted our students, staff and faculty, as well as their families and communities; and

Whereas: Political changes may contribute to additional stress and uncertainty for members of our

university community; and

Whereas: Such trauma and stress can manifest in numerous ways, both visible and invisible, affecting

individuals' mental, emotional, and physical well-being, and may not always be apparent to

others; and

Whereas: Cal State Fullerton's vision is that we will serve as a model public university that cultivates

leaders who drive innovation, systemic change, and collective well-being in local and global

communities; and

Whereas: Our values include a holistic and inclusive approach to student success, nurturing an inclusive

workplace culture, and inspiring all Titans to be informed, responsible, and engaged

community members; and

Whereas: The timing of these challenges poses unique problems at the beginning of a semester; and

Whereas: The Academic Senate passed ASD 24-130 Resolution on Withdrawals on December 12, 2024;

be it therefore

Resolved: That the University acknowledges the profound impact of these events and reaffirms its

commitment to supporting all members through these challenging times; and be it further

Resolved: That faculty are encouraged to recognize the unique challenges that students may be facing,

extend grace and understanding in these cases, and consider adopting flexible deadlines and

alternative arrangements where feasible; and be it further

Resolved: That all members of the university community are encouraged to prioritize their mental health

and well-being, and utilize campus resources such as Counseling and Psychological Services (for students) and the Employee Assistance Program (for faculty and staff) as needed; and be it

further

Resolved: That the university recognize the unique challenges that faculty and staff may be facing, extend

grace and understanding in these cases, and consider adopting flexible deadlines and

alternative arrangements where feasible; and be it further

Resolved: That the University provide clear guidance on how faculty undergoing personnel review can

request an extension of due dates for a time period appropriate for their circumstances; and be

it further

Resolved: That the university communicate updates on available resources and support systems; and be

it finally

Resolved: That the university recognizes the efforts of emergency responders and healthcare and mental

health professionals in supporting the community.