Whereas: Dr. Steve Suter has served for the past 18 years as University Research Ethics Coordinator, Chair, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, Secretary, Institutional Review Board and has been instrumental in establishing the Institutional Review Board and ethics review and training for human subjects (HSIRB, HSPT) and Animal Subjects (IACUC, HCUAS); and

Whereas: Steve has coordinated all these important review boards, conducting ongoing training and providing updates about Federal Regulations, as well as acquiring a keen knowledge not only of Federal Regulations but also of the different professional associations’ ethical codes on conduct in research with humans and animals; and

Whereas: Steve has instituted highly effective ethics certification programs available on-line dealing with both human and animal research; and

Whereas: Steve’s responsibilities have included being a risk-management overseer, making sure that we were compliant with all grants and contracts; and

Whereas: Steve was available always to field requests for information from faculty and students, and served as a resource-person, mentor, and reservoir of knowledge obtained from his own experience as a top researcher; and

Whereas: In addition to possessing an encyclopedic knowledge on IRB-related regulations, processes, policies, procedures, and programs, Dr. Suter has served as a superb record keeper and stellar organizer; and

Whereas: Dr. Suter has contributed significantly to the culture of conducting research ethically at CSUB; therefore be it

Resolved that: The Academic Senate, CSU, Bakersfield, commend and express its deep appreciation to Dr. Steve Suter for his many years of outstanding service to CSUB and its broader community.

Approved by the Academic Senate on June 5, 2014
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