CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD

ACADEMIC SENATE

Commendation of Dr. Emerson Case

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WHEREAS: Dr. Emerson Case has been the driving force behind the First-Year Experience at CSUB for a decade; and

WHEREAS: During that time, Dr. Case became an expert on best practices in first-year education by participating in the national dialogue, contributing his own research on integrating literacy into the classroom, and transforming our campus program through his focus on student success; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Case wrote grants to cover the costs of early iterations of First-Year Experience courses on campus; and

WHEREAS: Through his role as a passionate advocate for first-year studies, Dr. Case recruited and supported the professional development of dozens of First-Year Experience instructors; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Case personally served in the trenches by teaching hundreds of students in his own sections of First-Year Experience courses; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Case introduced AVID strategies into the First-Year Experience, trained faculty on effective AVID implementation, and created online AVID materials that have been heavily utilized; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Case was instrumental in making CSUB the first four-year post-secondary AVID institution in California; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Case has played a crucial role in the quarter-to-semester transition of the First-Year Experience to the First-Year Seminar series; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Case has led the Runner Reader program at CSUB since 2007 and the One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern program since 2010, thereby uniting CSUB faculty and students with the greater Bakersfield community in a full program of conversations and events that promote literacy and enrich the lives of participants; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Case has been formally recognized on the honor roll of nominees for Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate by the National Resource Center; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of California State University, Bakersfield expresses its sincere gratitude for the many contributions that Dr. Emerson Case has made to first-year CSUB students, the campus community, and the greater Bakersfield area; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate congratulates Dr. Case on his recognition at the national level for his excellence as a first-year student success leader.
Approved by the Academic Senate April 20, 2017
Sent to the President for approval April 27, 2017
Approved by the President on June 2, 2017