CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE

Commendation of John Dirkse
RES 171829

Whereas: Dr. John Dirkse is approaching retirement after 38 years of dedicated service to CSUB; and

Whereas: Dr. Dirkse has served as a valued and admired teacher, scholar, and academic administrator; and

Whereas: Professor Dirkse sparked interest in his classes with experiences such as an acoustical analysis of the Kennedy assassination; and

Whereas: Professor Dirkse was selected by his campus peers as outstanding teacher of the year and was selected by his department to give seminars to junior faculty on effective teaching practices; and

Whereas: Director Dirkse handled scheduling and PeopleSoft implementation issues with good will, energy, and patience; and

Whereas: Director Dirkse put in long hours and took it upon himself to gather data to support decision-making regarding scheduling and academic policies; and

Whereas: Director Dirkse made invaluable contributions to the work of the Senate via his insights and analysis; and

Whereas: John also distinguished himself as an athlete, including during a stint as a member of the Professors soccer team; and therefore be it

Resolved: That the CSUB Academic Senate express appreciation for Dr. Dirkse’s many contributions during his service to CSUB; and be it further

Resolved: That the CSUB Academic Senate wish John, Linda, and their children and grandchildren all the best as he opens the next chapter of his life.