

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