



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON™

A Resolution Recognizing and Thanking President Framroze Virjee and First Lady Julie Virjee

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WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton (CSU Fullerton); and

WHEREAS, ASI is governed by the ASI Board of Directors who set policy for the organization, approve all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocate on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, Framroze Virjee and Julie Virjee became President and the First Lady of CSU Fullerton on January 2018¹; and

WHEREAS, President Framroze Virjee implemented the University's 2018-2023 strategic plan which emphasizes four goals, "Our Commitment to a Transformational Titan Experience, Our Commitment to Student Success and Completion, Our Commitment to Faculty and Staff Diversity and Success, Our Commitment to Our Learning Environment and Legacy"²; and

WHEREAS, 40,000+ students enrolled at CSU Fullerton despite the national higher education enrollment decline³; and

WHEREAS, Framroze Virjee and Julie Virjee help support students in their in and out of class involvements, "First of all, we are not a commuter school. We have to get over our inferiority complex. We are an amazing first-tier Division 1 nationally-ranked university. Titan athletics, just like the performing arts, the business school and other departments, makes us who we are...Each athlete has an incredible story. We are here to help them succeed and find the right path."⁴; and

WHEREAS, Under the Presidency of Framroze Virjee and with the support of First Lady Julie Virjee, CSU Fullerton has achieved a record number of students receiving their college degrees, "Since 2018, more than 45,000 Titans have graduated...As of spring 2022, our four-year graduation rate for first-time freshmen was 39 percent, a 7.7 percent year-over-year improvement since spring 2021 and a 53 percent improvement over the spring of 2018."⁵; and

¹ [Fram Virjee Appointed Permanent President of Cal State Fullerton.](#)

² [Campus Welcomes a New Strategic Plan | CSUF News](#)

³ [Cal State Fullerton's Student Population Profile for Fall 2021](#)

⁴ [Titan pride: First fans Fram Virjee and wife, Julie, embrace sports – Orange County Register](#)

⁵ [CSUF President Announces Retirement](#)

WHEREAS, President Framroze Virjee updated and renovated our campus, “...instituted a new, 19-year Physical Master Plan; built the Titan Arch and Promenade; renovated the library and reopened its South Tower; built a brand new 600-bed residence hall (with a second on its way); completed a new/renovated baseball and softball complex; constructed a new aquatic center; broke ground on the new Visual Arts Complex; renovated the second floor of McCarthy Hall with all new state-of-the-art lab space; painted buildings and installed new outdoor gathering spaces and digital signage all over campus; opened the Center for Equitable Digital Access...Engineering and Computer Science Innovation Hub and Titan Gateway Bridge on the way.”⁶; and

WHEREAS, President Framroze Virjee brought financial strength to the campus “...we were running an \$8 million financial deficit and using up our reserves at an unsustainable rate...we balanced the budget, which has been balanced each year since, including through a 10 percent funding reduction from the state and during a pandemic. Today, we have a solid financial foundation, increased funding from the state, and replenished reserves. Perhaps as important, together, we have advocated, pushed, and lobbied for equitable funding for CSUF from the CSU system.”⁷; and

WHEREAS, With the support of First Lady Julie Virjee, President Framroze Virjee focused on health and safety during the COVID Pandemic “...successfully navigated through a pandemic and emerged as a stronger and more caring community.”⁸; and

WHEREAS, President Framroze Virjee and First Lady Julie Virjee are devoted to diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice “...establishing our equitable pedagogy module– seeking to increase equitable and inclusive instruction in the classroom– to our Inclusive Champion Certificate Program, our allyship certifications, our One Book program, and our jointly-created Guiding Principles for Social Justice that have become ubiquitous on campus...”⁹; and

WHEREAS, President Virjee and First Lady Julie Virjee launched a comprehensive fundraising campaign called It Takes A Titan which brought attention in investing in the Titan family by raising \$270 million¹⁰; and

WHEREAS, Under the Presidency of Framroze Virjee and with the support of First Lady Julie Vjree, “we are No. 1 in California for graduating women, No. 2 in the nation for graduating students of color, No. 7 in the country for social mobility, and No. 13 in the nation for academic rigor. We are a destination campus, with 80,000 applications each year for 8,500 spots and an average entering GPA of just under 3.7. We boast the second-largest business school in the

⁶ [CSUF President Announces Retirement](#)

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nation and are among the top CSU campuses in academic research and publications. We produce half the nurses, teachers, engineers, and accountants in Orange County.”¹¹; and

WHEREAS, President Framroze Virjee is still working on a foundational groundwork for establishing a new strategic plan for the 2023-2025 strategic plan¹²; and

WHEREAS, Under the Presidency of Framroze Virjee and with the support of First Lady Julie Vijree, CSU Fullerton earned the prestigious Seal of Excellencia in 2021, “Serving a student population that is 47.3% Latinx, CSUF ranks No. 2 in California and No. 3 in the nation for awarding bachelor’s degrees to Hispanic students”¹³; and


WHEREAS, President Framroze Virjee are retiring from CSU Fullerton in July 2023¹⁴; and therefore let it be

RESOLVED, ASI recognizes and appreciates all of President Framroze Virjee and First Lady Julie Virjee’s selfless service and assistance rendered to ASI; and let it be further that


RESOLVED, ASI thanks President Framroze Virjee and First Lady Julie Virjee for their time, and accomplishments at CSU Fullerton and wish them a bright future during their retirement; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the following campus departments, divisions, and/or entities for their consideration: Office of the President, the President’s Cabinet, the President’s Advisory Board, Office of the Provost, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President of Administration and Finance, Office of the Dean of Students, Division of Human Resources, Diversity and Inclusion, Division of University Advancement, Division of Information Technology, the Chancellor's office, and the Academic Senate.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Inc., California State University, Fullerton on the second day of May in the year two thousand and twenty-three.


ASI Board Chair (May 10, 2023 09:59 PDT)

Isabella Galvan
Chair, Board of Directors


Ramon Aquino (May 10, 2023 10:24 PDT)

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Secretary, Board of Directors

¹¹ [CSUF President Announces Retirement](#)

¹² [CSUF President Announces Retirement](#)

¹³ [Cal State Fullerton Receives Prestigious Seal of Excelencia](#)

¹⁴ [CSUF President Announces Retirement](#)










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