



A Resolution Recognizing and Thanking Dr. David Forgues, Vice President of Student Affairs, California State University Fullerton

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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, Dr. David Forgues joined Cal State Fullerton in 2012 as Chief of Operations for Student Affairs providing oversight for the office operations, division-wide efforts in the areas of advancement, assessment, staff development, divisional budget and human resources matters in support of the entire CSUF student population¹; and

WHEREAS, beginning in January 2017, Dr. David Forgues served as Vice President for the Division of Human Resources, Diversity, and Inclusion at Cal State Fullerton, where he developed university-wide human resource management strategies and diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives²; and

WHEREAS, in April 2024, Dr. David Forgues was appointed to serve as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs for Cal State Fullerton³; and

WHEREAS, he earned a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration, a M.Ed. in Student Affairs Administration from the University at Buffalo, and a B.A. in English from Mesa State College⁴; and

WHEREAS, Cal State Fullerton experienced a record number of students enrolled, over 43,000, during Dr. Forgues tenure; and

WHEREAS, a record number of students graduated, over 67,000, from 2017 to 2024; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Forgues has been a proponent of student rights, activism, and a key leader in helping all students through difficult and tumultuous times, providing invaluable guidance to student groups, leaders, and the community; and

¹ <https://www.academicimpressions.com/instructor/david-forgues/>

² <https://www.academicimpressions.com/instructor/david-forgues/>

³ <https://www.fullerton.edu/sa/about/leadership.html>

⁴ <https://www.academicimpressions.com/instructor/david-forgues/>

WHEREAS, Dr. Forgues takes the proactive stance of meeting with students, is always willing to listen, and makes sure students can speak with him directly, such as with the Southwest Asian and North African (SWANA), Education Opportunity Program (EOP) students and many more; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Forgues supported the establishment of CSUF's inaugural Scholarship Office in 2024 and streamlined the scholarship process to maximize the amount of student awards; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Forgues successfully initialized a comprehensive external review for the Education Opportunity Program (EOP), a vital program to expand critical access and retention for historically underserved students who may face barriers to higher education; and

WHEREAS, during his time as Chief of Operations for Student Affairs, he oversaw more than 400 employees and led strategic planning and public relations support for the entire division of Student Affairs; and

WHEREAS, additionally, as Chief of Operations for Student Affairs, he was instrumental in leading the campus-wide efforts to approve the Student Success Fee Initiative, which created financial support and expansion of student programs in various Student Affairs departments, Athletics, Information Technology, and Academic Affairs programs, creating life-transforming experiences for thousands of student Titans for years to come; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership as Vice President of Human Resources, Diversity, and Inclusion, CSUF received the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity recognition, reflecting on the university's dedication to promoting diversity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Forgues was honored with the Higher Ed Rock Star Award in 2020, recognizing contributions in human resources within higher education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Forgues's collaboration with ASI Student leaders and staff was pivotal in advancing the ASI Student Wellness Initiative, which enhances the 8 dimensions of student wellness through programs, services, and facilities that promote student success, ultimately leading to the approval of this monumental plan; and

WHEREAS, many campuses across the nation have been forever changed by the leadership of Dr. David Forgues and thousands of students' lives have been irrevocably improved by his thoughtful dedication to student success, his care for the personal needs of students, and his never-ending allyship of every student he advises and supports; and


WHEREAS, Dr. David Forgues is retiring from Cal State Fullerton in 2025; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, ASI recognizes and appreciates all of Dr. David Forgues' willingness and supportive service to students at large, and the genuine care and assistance rendered to ASI; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI thanks Dr. David Forgues for his years of support, passion, and successful accomplishments at Cal State Fullerton and wishes him a bright future ahead into his next big adventure; 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 for Administration and Finance, Office of the Dean of Students, Office of the Vice President of Human Resources and Inclusive Excellence, Office of the Vice President 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 twenty-second day of April in the year two thousand and twenty-five.


ASI Board Chair (Apr 25, 2025 20:02 PDT)

Gavin Ong
Chair, Board of Directors


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