



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON™

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND THANKING DR. AMIR DABIRIAN, PROVOST & VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FOR CAL STATE 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 (Cal State 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, in March 2023 Amir Dabirian, Ph.D. was appointed by then-president Framroze Virjee to serve a two-year term as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs for Cal State Fullerton¹; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dabirian has over 30 years of history-making service to the Titan Community through his tenure as faculty, holding various positions in Information Technology, serving as Vice President of Information Technology, Chief Information Officer, and Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Cal State Fullerton experienced a record 45,000-plus students enrolled in a semester during Dr. Dabirian's tenure as Provost; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Dabirian's tenure as Provost, the university experienced a record number of students graduating, 11,204 in 2023-24 and 10,773 in 2024-25²; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dabirian played a critical role in guiding the campus through the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) transition from ASI to campus administration, offering steady leadership, clarity, supporting the IRA framework and unwavering support for student initiatives and shared governance; and

WHEREAS, he has consistently championed the responsible and transparent use of artificial intelligence (AI), working diligently to educate the campus community and actively promoting the de-stigmatization of AI to benefit student learning and innovation; and

WHEREAS, he actively advocated for the establishment and growth of the Engineering and Computer Science Innovation Hub, expanding opportunities for STEM students and fostering a culture of innovation and experiential learning; and

¹ <https://www.fullerton.edu/acadaffairs/office-of-provost/index.html>.

² <https://www.fullerton.edu/data/institutionalresearch/student/degreesawarded/DegAwardEthnic.php>

WHEREAS, Dr. Dabirian has been a strong advocate for student wellness and holistic engagement, recognizing the importance of mental health, belonging, and access as core components of student success, serving as a strong supporter of the ASI Student Wellness Initiative (ASWI) during the three-year alternative consultation process; and

WHEREAS, he consistently placed students at the center of his decision-making, demonstrating a warm, steady presence and a solutions-oriented approach, building thoughtful roadmaps and finding creative pathways forward to ensure student needs were met with care and intention. He remained exceptionally approachable, consistently engaging with students with kindness, patience, and a genuine willingness to help; and

WHEREAS, from 1998 through 2013, he provided thoughtful leadership and expertise to Cal State Fullerton in addressing issues and opportunities such as Y2K readiness, development of technology tools for ASI student elections, and student engagement platforms for recognized clubs and organizations³; and

WHEREAS, he initiated collaboration between the Pollak Library and IT to enhance library and technology services and access, including piloting the Blue Laptop Checkout program in 2015⁴. Dr. Dabirian researched, tested, and initiated distribution of technology devices such as iPads to students, and negotiated with publishers to provide sustainable and digital textbooks; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dabirian was instrumental in the implementation of the Student Success Initiative (SSI) in 2014, improving support through increased advising, additional “bottleneck” courses and longer library hours. Additional support included instructional goals, such as updating technology in classrooms and continuing to provide free and discounted computer software to students⁵; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Dr. Dabirian spearheaded the opening of the CSUF Makerspace in the Pollak Library to encourage inspiration, creativity, and innovation among CSUF students through access to high-end technology⁶; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Dr. Dabirian was instrumental in strengthening and integrating campus IT infrastructure, including expanding Wi-Fi access, and led the campus-wide transition from TITANium to Canvas⁷; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic and stay-at-home orders, students, faculty and staff received support and access to essential technology through the division of IT. Ensuring students had access to essential technology to continue their studies in a remote environment, students could check-out laptops, MiFi hotspot devices, headsets, and microphones; and

³ [Y2K threats examined by committee | News | dailytitan.com](#)

⁴ [Juicing up the library | News | dailytitan.com](#)

⁵ [Changes in software options | Campus News | dailytitan.com](#)

⁶ [CSUF Makerspace encourages innovation among students | Lifestyle | dailytitan.com](#)

⁷ [CSUF to switch from TITANium to Canvas by summer 2021 | Campus News | dailytitan.com](#)

WHEREAS, in 2022, he supported the opening of the Center for Equitable Digital Access (CEDA), ensuring that all students can obtain internet connection and materials regardless of socioeconomic status or background⁸; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Dr. Dabirian championed and supported the esports program vision and expansion, collaborating with ASI in the establishment of the Esports Lounge in the Titan Student Union⁹; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, as Provost, Dr. Dabirian addressed the need for additional academic advisors resulting from increased enrollment. Additionally, Academic Affairs increased the number of supplemental instruction offerings, enhancing the class catalog. Under his leadership various student service centers were relocated to improve student access¹⁰; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, he supported a collaborative effort from faculty in engineering, mathematics, and philosophy in completing an interdisciplinary grant proposal. Additionally, Academic Affairs implemented a student equity and testing access initiative, providing free paper testing materials for students, and removing a financial barrier for students at CSUF¹¹; and

WHEREAS, he was a strong proponent of class transparency and faculty availability, working to ensure students had clear access to academic resources and institutional support; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dabirian was pivotal in elevating awareness and institutional support for the Southwest Asian and North African (SWANA) Resource Center and spoke at its first recognition celebration, affirming the importance of cultural visibility and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, he fostered meaningful relationships with ASI student leaders, always greeting them with warmth and thoughtfulness, and regularly showing appreciation through small gestures that reflected his deep respect for student leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Amir Dabirian is retiring from Cal State Fullerton as Provost in spring 2026; and therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, ASI recognizes and appreciates all of Dr. Amir Dabirian's selfless service to students at large, and assistance rendered to ASI; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI thanks Amir for his years of informative support, high energy engagement, fun/useful swag, and accomplishments at Cal State Fullerton and wishes him a bright future into retirement; and let it be finally

⁸ [Center for Equitable Digital Access celebrates grand opening | Campus News | dailytitan.com](#)

⁹ [CSUF unveils state of the art esports lounge in Titan Student Union | Lifestyle | dailytitan.com](#)

¹⁰ [CSUF provost offers updates, solutions regarding campus enrollment | Campus News | dailytitan.com](#)

¹¹ [CSUF receives \\$400,000 to create AI hub, expand research and curriculum | News | dailytitan.com](#)

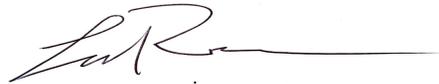
RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the following campus departments, divisions, and/or entities for their consideration: Office of the President, the President's Cabinet, the President's Advisory Board, Office of Academic Affairs, Office of Student Affairs and Strategic Enrollment Management, Office of Administration and Finance, Office of the Dean of Students, Office of Human Resources and Inclusive Excellence, Office of University Advancement, Office 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 third day of March in the year two thousand and twenty-six.



Joe Morales
2026-03-05 21:44 UTC

Chair, Board of Directors



Luca Romero
2026-03-05 22:34 UTC

Secretary, Board of Directors