



A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND THANKING JIM DONOVAN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

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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, Jim Donovan was appointed Athletic Director of California State University, Fullerton in December 2012, dedicating over 13 years to elevating the prestige of the university and the opportunities available to its students¹; and

WHEREAS, during his over 13-year tenure, Jim Donovan led the Titans to unprecedented competitive success, including 33 Big West Conference Championships, multiple NCAA Tournament appearances in Softball, men's and women's soccer, basketball, and golf, the return of Titan Baseball to the College World Series in 2015 and 2017² and the introduction of men's and women's water polo; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership in the 2017-18 academic year, Cal State Fullerton claimed its first Big West Commissioner's Cup in school history³, signaling the department's status as the winningest athletics program in the conference; and

WHEREAS, he championed the creation of "The Stampede,"⁴ providing a dedicated and high-energy space for the student body to find community, voice their Titan pride, and make our home facilities the most intimidating in the conference; and

WHEREAS he oversaw massive infrastructure improvements totaling more than \$28 million, including the new \$16 million baseball complex, a renovated softball facility, an \$8 million modern 53-meter pool,; and

WHEREAS, Jim Donovan was a driving force behind the Student Success Initiative (SSI), a

¹ The Big West (2012, December 13). *Jim Donovan Introduced as New Titans AD* [Video]. Youtube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EX03vEi9kSk>

² *Conference Championships*. Cal State Fullerton Athletics. (n.d.). <https://csufullerton.prestosports.com/traditions/ConferenceChampionships>

³ *Cal State Fullerton Wins First Big West Commissioner's Cup in School History*, "<https://news.fullerton.edu/2018/06/csuf-big-west-commissioner-cup/>"

⁴ The Stampede "<https://csufullerton.prestosports.com/marketing/stampede>"

landmark effort that directly funded student-athlete scholarships and modernized campus facilities, ensuring that our students have the tools they need to succeed both in competition and in the classroom⁵; and

WHEREAS, his leadership contributed to increased campus engagement and school spirit, with annual student attendance at athletic events reaching approximately 17,000 students attending games annually; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Associated Students Inc., was inducted into the Titans Athletics Hall of Fame in 2015 for their long partnership with Cal State Fullerton Athletics;

WHEREAS he prioritized the "Titan Top Ten Musts" to instill a culture of elite customer service and successfully increased department fundraising by over \$23 million, effectively tripling previous fundraising marks to enhance sport budgets and student-athlete resources; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to the "whole student" is reflected in the record-high Academic Progress Rates and graduation numbers achieved under his watch, proving that athletic excellence and academic success go hand-in-hand; and

WHEREAS, his national leadership was recognized in 2019 when he was named the Under Armour® Athletic Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA); therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, that ASI formally recognizes Jim Donovan for his transformative impact on student life and his unwavering commitment to making Cal State Fullerton a premier destination for student-athletes and the entire student body; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI thanks Jim Donovan for his work in fostering student pride, improving campus facilities, and advocating for the resources necessary for student-athletes to thrive, and wishes him the best as he transitions into retirement and in all his future endeavors; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI thanks Jim Donovan for building a legacy of excellence, inclusion, and pride that will continue to inspire the Titan family for generations to come; 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 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.

⁵ Student Success Initiative Projects "https://csufullerton.prestosports.com/facilities/SSI_projects"

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Inc., California State University, Fullerton on the twenty-first day of April the year two thousand and twenty-six.



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Chair, Board of Directors



Luca Romero
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Secretary, Board of Directors