



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON™

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND THANKING DR. LISA KIRTMAN, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FOR CAL STATE FULLERTON**

**Sponsor:** Mahak Ahmad, Luca Romero, Joe Morales, Shay Quock

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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 sets policy for the organization, approves all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocates on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lisa Kirtman was appointed Dean of the California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) College of Education in June 2016 and officially assumed the role on August 16, 2016<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, she joined CSUF in 2000 as a professor of elementary and bilingual education and before she was appointed Dean, she served in multiple academic and administrative leadership roles, including professor of elementary and bilingual education, Chair of the Department of Elementary and Bilingual Education, and Acting Chair of the Department of Literacy and Reading Education, demonstrating sustained dedication to academic excellence and institutional leadership at CSUF; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her tenure as Dean, Dr. Kirtman has fostered a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment for students, faculty, staff, and student leaders, creating a culture of respect, belonging, and opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, she has championed student leadership, voice, and advocacy, ensuring students are heard, valued, and empowered to engage meaningfully in the College of Education and across the university; and

**WHEREAS** Dr. Lisa Kirtman created and supported programs for undergraduate, credential, graduate, and doctoral students, including scholarships, funding opportunities, and institutional support, removing barriers and promoting academic and professional success<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, she led collaborative efforts to establish the first Urban Learning undergraduate

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<sup>1</sup> <https://news.fullerton.edu/2016/06/lisa-kirtman/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ed.fullerton.edu/current-students/COE%20Scholarship%20Bulletin%20-%20Final%2023-24%2012023.pdf>

program in Fall 2024<sup>3</sup>, and advanced innovative initiatives such as social justice majors, “iSTEM Partnership” with Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District<sup>4</sup>, and community-centered educational programs that enhance culturally responsive learning; and

**WHEREAS** Dr. Lisa Kirtman has demonstrated a deep commitment to diversifying the education pipeline by increasing the representation of underrepresented students in teacher preparation programs and prioritizing the hiring, retention, and support of diverse faculty and staff to reflect the communities served by the College of Education<sup>5</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lisa Kirtman has consistently demonstrated visionary, collaborative, and transformative leadership, guiding the College of Education through program growth, innovation, and expanded student opportunities while maintaining high academic standards<sup>6</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lisa Kirtman has advanced fundraising, community engagement, and statewide leadership by securing resources that support the College of Education, strengthening partnerships at the local, state, and university levels, and serving on key college, university, and state-level committees, including the Teacher Preparation Advisory Panel, thereby expanding the college’s impact beyond the campus community while supporting student success and program growth; therefore let it be

**RESOLVED**, ASI recognizes and thanks Dr. Lisa Kirtman for her leadership as Dean of the College of Education at California State University, Fullerton, her dedication to students, and her efforts to create an inclusive, welcoming, and supportive environment for all<sup>7</sup>; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, ASI thanks Dr. Kirtman for her work in advancing programs, supporting students at every level, and fostering collaboration and innovation within the college, and wishes her continued success in all her future endeavors; 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.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ocregister.com/2023/03/29/cal-state-fullertons-college-of-education-will-offer-its-first-bachelors-degree-in-2024/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://news.fullerton.edu/2016/03/istem-program/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://bse.berkeley.edu/qa-alumna-lisa-kirtman>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.ocstem.org/member-spotlight-csuf-college-of-education/>

<sup>7</sup> [https://dailytitan.com/news/campus/dean-of-education-promotes-equity-at-csuf/article\\_5f07cae0-b695-11eb-ba7f-e38737b0df0b.html](https://dailytitan.com/news/campus/dean-of-education-promotes-equity-at-csuf/article_5f07cae0-b695-11eb-ba7f-e38737b0df0b.html)


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



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Joe Morales  
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Chair, Board of Directors



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Luca Romero  
2026-05-09 17:21 UTC

Secretary, Board of Directors