



Commendation of Heath Niemeyer

Vice President for University Advancement & Executive Director/Secretary of the CSUB Foundation

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- Whereas,** Mr. Heath Niemeyer began his service at CSUB in September 2017 and, over the course of nine years, served as Director of Development (2017–2019), Executive Director of Development (2019–2022), Associate Vice President for Development (2021–2022), Interim Vice President for University Advancement and Interim Executive Director for the CSUB Foundation (2022–2025), and Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director of the CSUB Foundation (2025–2026); and
- Whereas,** Mr. Niemeyer, as a leader, consistently articulated and advanced the principles of inclusion and cultivated meaningful relationships between CSUB and community donors; and
- Whereas,** Mr. Niemeyer’s grace, support, and patience have been invaluable to staff within the Division of University Advancement; and
- Whereas,** Mr. Niemeyer demonstrated exceptional leadership in building a strong, effective team within University Advancement and fostering collaboration across campus units; and
- Whereas,** Mr. Niemeyer masterfully led CSUB during one of the most challenging eras, marked by a period of reduced external funding; and
- Whereas,** Mr. Niemeyer’s loyalty to the Las Vegas Raiders and Liverpool Football Club brought both spirited conversation and moments of levity; and
- Whereas,** Mr. Niemeyer is a generous and empathetic leader whose humility, dedication, and tireless efforts have helped advance CSUB as a beacon of higher education in the Central Valley; be it therefore
- Resolved,** that the Academic Senate of California State University, Bakersfield extends its deepest gratitude to Mr. Heath Niemeyer for his dedication, hard work, exceptional leadership, and sense of humor, which have fostered a spirit of camaraderie and excellence within Kern County; and be it therefore
- Resolved,** that the Academic Senate of California State University, Bakersfield commends Mr. Heath Niemeyer for his community-centered stewardship and relationship building as Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director of the CSUB Foundation.

Approved by the Academic Senate: May 7, 2026