



Senate

SENATE RESOLUTION 16-03

Commendation and Appreciation of

Interim Provost Dan Wakelee

Whereas, Dr. Dan Wakelee has graciously and effectively served as Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs of California State University Channel Islands for the past year, and

Whereas, Dan has served in at least eight other pivotal roles at CI, including during the transition from CSUN to CI as Administrator-in-Charge, as well as Associate Director, Associate Dean of the Faculty, Assistant Provost, and Associate Provost, and

Whereas, he has provided vital leadership and action in turning the Santa Rosa Island Research Station from a nascent idea into a crown jewel for the campus and research communities, serving over 40 CI groups and over 30 outside research, professional, or volunteer groups just this year, and

Whereas, he enacts the role of teacher-scholar-leader, publishing scholarship on the National Park Service and teaching engaging and popular interdisciplinary courses, and

Whereas, his behind-the-scenes sheer competence, ethical leadership model and encyclopedic knowledge of the University has led to the poorly kept secret, “Just Ask Dan,” as the solution to all problems, and

Whereas, his unofficial titles include Midwife to Sierra Hall, Space Czar, the Ideal Colleague, Manager of Strange and Esoteric Requests, and Finder of Lost Trailers, and

Whereas, he engages faculty and students in critical thinking and predictive analytics by leading us to wonder what exactly that inscrutable look means and when that deadpan expression will change into that famous grin, and

Whereas, he has shared his great love of the outdoors and regard for public lands with students, faculty, staff, and elected officials,

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Academic Senate of CSU Channel Islands expresses our sincere appreciation and thanks to Interim Provost Dan Wakelee for his leadership and dedication to CI.