

Resolution
of the
California Student Aid Commission
honoring
WM. Gregory Sawyer, Ph.D.

Whereas, Dr. Sawyer was first appointed as the California State University representative to the California Student Aid Commission in February 2013 by then Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. and was subsequently re-appointed in November 2016 to continue his passion of making college affordable and attainable for all students.

Whereas, Dr. Sawyer has served admirably as a Commissioner, as the Commission Secretary in 2016, and in numerous roles on the Student Impact Committee since September 2013 and the Personnel, Evaluation, and Nominations Committee since March 2016, including serving as Vice Chair and Chair to these committees respectively; and,

Whereas, Dr. Sawyer earned his Bachelor's degree in Communications from Mount Union College, his Master's degree in Organizational Communications from Eastern New Mexico University, and his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration at the University of North Texas; and,

Whereas, Dr. Sawyer has decades of experience in higher education administration, including having served as the Founding Vice President for Student Affairs at California State University, Channel Islands from 2002 to 2018 where he established a nationally recognized student-centered division; and,

Whereas, Dr. Sawyer, since 2018, has served as the Vice President for Student Affairs at Sonoma State University; and

Whereas, Dr. Sawyer is the recipient of many distinguished awards including the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as Vice President for Student Affairs, the Wang Family Excellence Award for Outstanding Administrator of the CSU system, the Presidential Medallion at CSU Channel Islands, and the National Tutoring Association Lifetime Achievement Award;

Whereas, Dr. Sawyer has been a passionate advocate in improving college access and affordability for first generation, low-income, and underrepresented students; and,

Whereas, Dr. Sawyer's background demonstrates a strong impact in California's higher education leadership, a lifetime commitment to student service, and exemplary public service; and,

Therefore, be it now

Resolved, this Commission and its staff commend Dr. Sawyer for his leadership and vision as a member of the California Student Aid Commission, and be it further

Resolved, that the Commission and its staff wish him continued personal and professional success in his future endeavors.

Catalina Cifuentes,
Chair

Marlene Garcia
Executive Director