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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

<u>RESOLUTION OF
GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO</u>

<u>DR. MITCHELL SAKOFS
DEAN, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES</u>

WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell Sakofs has served as Associate Dean and Dean of the School of Education and Professional Studies at Central Connecticut State University for nine (9) years supporting and promoting the highest quality educational programs, research, and community service, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakofs has been responsible for leading and coordinating strategic planning, fiscal management, and engaging faculty and staff in critical collegiate issues, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakofs is widely regarded as a gifted leader whose tenure was imbued with a strong sense of integrity, collaboration, mutual respect and trust building, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakofs championed academic freedom, promoted scholarly creativity, and supported democratic governance, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakofs demonstrated interest and concern for all stakeholders including faculty, administrative staff, and custodial workers, and dramatically improved trust, morale and interdepartmental collaboration within the school, and,

WHEREAS, the School of Education and Professional Studies was affirmed and reaffirmed as a high quality teacher preparation program by organizations like NCATE and NEASC during Dr. Sakofs' tenure, and

WHEREAS, Dr.Sakofs strongly supported advanced programs including Nursing, Social Work, Counselor Education, Athletic Training, Exercise Science, and Marriage and Family Therapy all of which have received national accreditations,

WHEREAS, Dr. Sakofs always gave priority to furthering the interests of students and promoting academic excellence, human dignity and diversity, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the School of Education and Professional Studies Governance Council wishes to express heartfelt gratitude and deepest appreciation for his outstanding leadership and service.