WHEREAS, Mr. Rick Arellano served the Ohlone Community College District as an Adjunct Faculty Member beginning in August of 1999 and as a Full Time Faculty Member beginning in January of 2001.

WHEREAS, he embodied the “Learning Community” concept, and inspired and mentored all to fulfill their highest potential, building upon current and potential competencies to maximize strengths and creativity; and

WHEREAS, he created an intellectual and collaborative atmosphere that emphasized the value of everyone’s contributions and fostered the stimulation and interchange of ideas; and

WHEREAS, he consistently spoke with strength and conviction on behalf of his subject matter while maintaining the interests of the college throughout his years at Ohlone; and

WHEREAS, he regularly found ways to assist the College with funding projects and/or seeking funding resources. For example: Measure G for example.

WHEREAS, he expanded the college vision by fostering such innovations as classes targeted for education that linked courses. For example: Computer Applications and Biotechnology. CAOT 148.

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated distinguished leadership that pulled the entire CAOT Department together even in challenging budgetary times, to promote new courses for student learning and success; and

WHEREAS, he will continue to be highly respected and loved by the Ohlone community for his forward thinking, enthusiasm, integrity, and devotion to excellence in teaching and learning for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees expresses deepest appreciation for his contributions and his years of excellent service, and that the Board of Trustees conveys sincere best wishes to Mr. Rick Arellano henceforth; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees confers upon Mr. Rick Arellano the title of Professor Emeritus of Computer Applications and Occupational Technology of Ohlone College.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 8th day of April 2015.