

## **Statement of Appreciation for Interim Provost Jan Nerger**

Today, in her last meeting in this role as Interim Provost, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Jan Nerger for her exceptional service and dedication since her appointment in July 2022. Interim roles are challenging, and Dr. Nerger started the role of Interim Provost in particularly complex times for our university. Her efforts helped keep us moving forward during a time of transition at CSU. She did this by emphasizing transparency, embracing accountability, and always doing so with a sharp sense of humor.

In her time as Interim Provost, Dr. Nerger finalized the first-year priorities of our Academic Master Plan. These efforts have laid an important foundation for our future academic endeavors at CSU. Moreover, the Provost Faculty Success Initiative has flourished under her guidance. She committed funding beyond the initial grant that is a testament to her dedication to faculty development and success. This initiative has significantly contributed to creating a nurturing and supportive environment for our faculty members. Her commitment to faculty and our shared governance on campus has been evident in her constant and continued engagement with Faculty Council at large and the Faculty Council Executive committee.

Under her leadership, Dr. Nerger has resumed the Provost's Ethics Colloquium Series, and in doing so enabled the campus to begin to tackle the important issue of generative AI. She also enabled an increased focus on Student Success through improving fall-to-fall retention rates and closing opportunity gaps. In doing so, she has helped to ensure that our students not only receive quality education, but also receive the essential support they need. Such support is also evident in her work with Faculty Council and a broad set of other campus stakeholders to cover the mandatory fees of graduate students. This initiative has alleviated financial burdens for many students, better enabling them to pursue their academic goals.

In conclusion, we thank Interim Provost Nerger. Her tenure has been marked by an unwavering dedication and a deep commitment to the betterment of our academic community. We are profoundly grateful for her contributions and leadership. Thank you, Dr. Nerger, for your exemplary service.

Faculty Council Executive Committee  
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