**Proclamation in Honor of SUNY Old Westbury President Emeritus Calvin O. Butts III**

***Whereas,*** the Faculty Senate, representing all constituencies of the Campus Community of the State University College at Old Westbury, appreciates the contributions of Calvin O. Butts III in his nearly 21-year career at our institution; and

***Whereas,*** President Emeritus Calvin O. Butts III was the longest serving President in the history of SUNY Old Westbury; and

***Whereas***, Dr. Butts was an iconic leader who had a widespread impact on community development initiatives including a commitment to social justice, education, cultural awareness and community outreach; and

***Whereas***, during his time at SUNY Old Westbury President Butts oversaw a period of tremendous success and growth at the college including increasing admissions standards, the introduction of graduate instruction at the College, and an enrollment growth of more than 1800 students; and

***Whereas***, under the leadership of President Butts Old Westbury received national and international recognition for its programs supporting first-time-to-college students including the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award; and

***Whereas***, President Butts led more than $200 million in capital construction and renovation projects for the campus; and

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,*** that the Faculty Senate, on behalf of the Campus Community of the State University College at Old Westbury, on this day of February 03, 2023, do hereby declare our grateful acknowledgement of the many contributions of Calvin O. Butts III to our campus SUNY Old Westbury and to New York State.