

March 21, 2025

To: Taft College Academic Senate

Re: Paul Blake Nomination for Emeritus Status

It is my distinct pleasure to nominate Paul Blake for Emeritus Status. It is hardly possible to accurately summarize Paul's impact on students at Taft College in this letter. The following is an attempt to document some of his accomplishments to assist in your deliberations:

- Explored, developed and implemented the Engineering Program at Taft College.
- Worked with discipline faculty to develop courses needed by engineering students.
- Coordinated grants providing funding for facilities and equipment needed to expand and develop mathematics and science course offerings.
- Actively involved in numerous outreach events throughout the county.
- Developed relationships with industry and other academic institutions.
- Tirelessly worked to attract students to TC and mentor them once they got here.
- Was the only full-time person in the Engineering Department for virtually entire career at TC.



Michael E. Mayfield
Professor of Chemistry
Mathematics and Sciences Division Chair

NOMINATION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

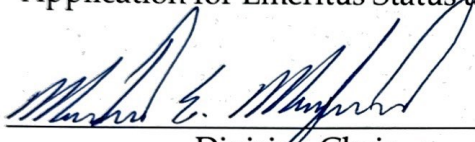
Faculty

West Kern Community College District

Nominee: Paul Blake

Department: Engineering Date: 3-21-25

The following signatures indicate approval for the nominee listed above.
Application for Emeritus Status attached.


Division Chair

3-21-25
Date

Academic Senate President

Date

Vice President

Date

Superintendent/President

Date

President, Board of Trustees

Date