

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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May 6-7, 1999

Resolution in Honor of Senator Gary Hammerstrom

- WHEREAS, Senator Gary Hammerstrom has been connected with the CSU since it was the CSC, having worked at San Francisco State College in the 1960s and early 1970s and received his M.A. in Interdisciplinary Social Science there in 1972; and
- WHEREAS, Senator Hammerstrom has been a member of the Business faculty at San Francisco State University since 1978 and has filled many positions in academic governance there, including chair of the SFSU Academic Senate; and
- WHEREAS, Senator Hammerstrom has been a member of the Academic Senate CSU since 1991 and has served as chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, at-large member of the Executive Committee, faculty co-chair of the CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning, member of the editing and drafting committee for the study of the baccalaureate, and member of the Cornerstones Task Force, to mention only the most prominent of his many Senate responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS, Senator Hammerstrom is widely acknowledged, along with Senator David McNeil, to have had primary responsibility for the success of recent efforts to bring CSU and UC admissions requirements into alignment, an historic undertaking that required high levels of tact, diplomacy, and patience; and
- WHEREAS, Senator Hammerstrom demonstrated similar leadership and perseverance in efforts to reduce fees charged to students participating in International Programs to a level comparable to what they would have paid had they remained on their own campus, efforts that have recently come to fruition; and
- WHEREAS, Service on the Academic Senate CSU provided Senator Hammerstrom not only with frequent occasion to practice his skill with puns but also with an occasional opportunity to demonstrate his skills in navigating the 710 and 105 freeways in record time when a late adjournment threatened to make senators late for their flights; and
- WHEREAS, In consequence of the many meetings he attended in Long Beach, Senator Hammerstrom became so enamoured of the scenic splendors and gastronomic delectations of Long Beach that, in 1998-99, he took a one-year leave from his Senate position to accept appointment as Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; and

WHEREAS, When cautioned against becoming arrogant in his Chancellor's Office administrative position, Senator Hammerstrom responded that arrogance would be difficult given the three humbling adjectives in his title; and

WHEREAS, The Academic Affairs office of the CSU, recognizing ability when they find it, have wisely asked Senator Hammerstrom to continue for a second year, and he has accepted and resigned from his Senate seat; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University extend its appreciation to Senator Hammerstrom for giving so generously of his time in serving the faculty and students of the CSU; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate commend Senator Hammerstrom for his superb work as a faculty leader and as a significant and effective voice for faculty and students; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate encourage Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor Hammerstrom to continue to be a voice for faculty and students and to share his experience and wisdom (and, yes, his puns) with his colleagues throughout the California State University system.

APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION--May 6-7, 1999