

**ACADEMIC SENATE**  
**of**  
**THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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**Commendation of Robert (Bob) Cherny**

- WHEREAS, Bob Cherny has for many years served his campus, his discipline of history, and the Academic Senate CSU in ways so numerous they cannot be counted and so profound in their effect that they cannot be measured, ranging from the *minutiae* of parliamentary procedure to the scope and future of the Master Plan for Higher Education in California; and
- WHEREAS, Bob Cherny's understanding of and appreciation for streets and alleys now part of the historical record, for pronoun reference issues, for both significant and insignificant details of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and its leader Harry Bridges, and for the aesthetics of Arial as compared to Times New Roman speak to his readiness and ability to engage with issues seen by others as lacking in earthshaking significance; and
- WHEREAS, In pursuit of any objective Bob Cherny displays a fanatic perseverance reminding many of a dog worrying a bone or a zealous missionary who will not rest or permit a pause of relief until his mission is completed; and
- WHEREAS, Bob Cherny's Senate service spans over two decades and includes extraordinary contributions to nearly five dozen different committees, councils, commissions, task forces, panels, study groups, and workgroups, as well as countless ad hoc entities and legislative hearings; and
- WHEREAS, The debt of gratitude owed him by all of his colleagues in the CSU, and especially those in the Academic Senate CSU, can never be repaid in full; and
- WHEREAS, All who have worked with him have benefited from his extensive knowledge of higher education in general, the CSU in particular, and the values and principles that underlie the actions taken in the name of shared governance; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU commend and applaud Bob Cherny many times over for his many acts of service for the CSU and particularly for the faculty of the CSU; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU pledge to make every effort to maintain the standard Bob Cherny has set in his years of service to the University; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU declare its eternal thanks for the honor of working with Bob Cherny.

**APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION – May 6-7, 2004**