

ACADEMIC SENATE  
OF  
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

AS-2806-07/EX  
May 10-11, 2007

**Commendation of Dr. Marshelle Thobaben**

- WHEREAS, Marshelle Thobaben has served the faculty of the California State University as a member of the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) since 1990; and
- WHEREAS, Marshelle Thobaben has served in many leadership positions for the ASCSU including: Secretary of the ASCSU (1994-1995), Vice Chair of the ASCSU (1995-1998 and 2004-2005), and Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee (2003-2004); and
- WHEREAS, Marshelle Thobaben has served as co-chair of the Academic Technology Advisory Committee for the past two years, and
- WHEREAS, Marshelle Thobaben has served on the ACR 73 Task Force as well as some 30 other committees; and
- WHEREAS, Marshelle Thobaben has served the faculty of Humboldt State University as Chair of their campus Senate (1988-1990), as campus President of CFA, and as a member of the CFA Board of Directors; and
- WHEREAS, For the past two years Marshelle Thobaben has skillfully guided the ASCSU as our Chair; and
- WHEREAS, Marshelle Thobaben has never been known to “pull a punch” in advocating for the appropriate role of faculty in shared governance; and
- WHEREAS, Marshelle Thobaben skillfully led the Senate as we dealt with a reduction in our budget and the size of our organization; and
- WHEREAS, Marshelle Thobaben has championed intersegmental cooperation through her participation in the Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates, which she chaired in 2005-06; and
- WHEREAS, Marshelle Thobaben provided wise leadership as the faculty of the CSU spent two long years negotiating a contract with the CSU administration; and
- WHEREAS, Marshelle Thobaben has endured countless flights from Arcata to LAX, single-handedly rescuing United Airlines from bankruptcy; and
- WHEREAS, Marshelle Thobaben has greatly enriched Paris and her family through her many nights of lodging at the Long Beach Hilton; and

WHEREAS, Marshelle Thobaben has intrepidly vacationed in more exotic and out-of-the-way places than any other Senate Chair in CSU history; and

WHEREAS, Marshelle's stamina and fortitude over the past two years have been superhuman; and

WHEREAS, Marshelle Thobaben has served the ASCSU and the entire faculty with style and grace; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU extend our most heartfelt gratitude to Marshelle Thobaben; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU extend to Marshelle Thobaben our best wishes as she begins the transition to the "civilian life" of a CSU faculty member.

**Approved by Acclamation – May 10-11, 2007**