SS-F18-2, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Expressing our Appreciation of the Life and Work of Dr. Amy Strage, Assistant Vice President for Faculty Development

Legislative History: At its meeting of October 1, 2018, the Academic Senate unanimously approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Frazier from the floor of the Senate.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
Expressing our appreciation of the life and work of Dr. Amy Strage, Assistant Vice President for Faculty Development

Whereas, Prior to her death on September 13, 2018, Dr. Amy Strage was the Assistant Vice President for Faculty Development and the Director of the Center for Faculty Development, having begun as faculty-in-residence at the Center in 2005, started in the Interim AVP position in 2011, and taken over the permanent AVP position in 2014; and

Whereas, Dr. Strage, through tireless work at the CFD, created internationally renowned, innovative, and thoughtful programming to support and mentor faculty over the entire arc of their careers, including onboarding and training for new faculty, support to help faculty redesign their research or rejuvenate their teaching in mid-career, and resources for faculty transitioning to retirement to help them showcase the legacy of their career (receiving a 2012 Alfred. P Sloan award for Best Practices in Faculty Retirement Transitions); all the while helping the CFD grow and adapt during a time of rapidly changing technologies; and

Whereas, Dr. Strage enabled the SJSU-Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association (SJSU-ERFA) to process the annual RSCA grants to current faculty members; and

Whereas, As a faculty member in the Department of Child and Adolescent Development starting in 1987, Dr. Strage was the best of the best ChAD faculty and a caring educator, helping to transform the program into a department, developing ChAD’s first service learning experiences,
exemplifying the teacher-scholar model with research that focused on self-directed learning and the needs of students and teachers; and

Whereas, Dr. Amy Strage was a true developmentalist, focused on the growth and development of the youngest child to the retired professional; helping children, youth, families, faculty, staff, and administrators navigate their lives at SJSU and beyond; and

Whereas, Amy accomplished all the above with great kindness, thoughtfulness, generosity of spirit, and acknowledgment of the critical balance between work and family life, remaining throughout a dedicated wife and mother who never missed her sons’ baseball games or music recitals; and so be it

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of San José State University express its sorrow for having lost Dr. Amy Strage, one of the most respected and beloved members of our SJSU community, whose engaging spirit and smile made an impact on everyone she met, and who leaves a legacy never to be forgotten; be it further

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of San José State University express its heartfelt condolences to the family of our friend and colleague, Dr. Amy Strage, and add our names to the many others who share a deep sense of loss at her passing; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the family of Amy Strage.