At its meeting of May 16, 2005, the Academic Senate passed the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Donoho for the Executive Committee.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
HONORING AND THANKING DR. ANNETTE NELLEN FOR HER SERVICE TO THE SENATE AND TO THE UNIVERSITY

Whereas, Dr. Annette Nellen has served as Chair of the Academic Senate of San Jose State University for the past two years, and

Whereas, She has brought to the work of the Academic Senate a broad and deep knowledge of the university, along with excellent judgment, ethical behavior, fairness, honesty, and integrity, and

Whereas, She served on and chaired nearly countless committees, boards and task forces; and

Whereas, On April 27, 2005, Dr. Nellen received the Distinguished Service Award from San Jose State University, which is the highest distinction offered by the University President for service, and

Whereas, President Kassing said her “distinguished record of service to the University is exemplary”, and

Whereas, Under the Leadership of Chair Nellen, the Senate passed a record number of 66 resolutions, and

Whereas, She has enhanced the collegial relationship that the Academic Senate enjoys with the university administration, and

Whereas, She has consistently promoted pride in our University’s history, heritage and traditions and created a Heritage Preservation and Public History committee as a Special Agency to the Senate, and

Whereas, She has actively promoted a culture of reading at San Jose State University, and

Whereas, Dr. Nellen consistently promoted open communication and sharing of information, made herself a model of this by frequently emailing with the faculty
and established the Senate website to be an up-to-date primary source for senate related information, and

Whereas, She was actively involved in developing a policy on Academic Integrity and instrumental in creating the first Academic Integrity Week, and

Whereas, She was actively involved in developing a policy on Academic Freedom and instrumental in creating the first Academic freedom forum; and

Whereas Dr. Nellen was the driving force behind the concept of a first year experience program, on the SJSU campus, called the Metropolitan University Scholars Experience (MUSE), and

Whereas, She was the first director of MUSE, a highly effective first year experience for frosh students; and

Whereas, She has been a strong promoter of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, and as a docent has introduced countless people including many school children to the library and its services, and

Whereas, She has initiated and led a campus-wide discussion about what it means to be an Educated Citizen, with wide implications for all our programs, and

Whereas, She has been a strong advocate for budget transparency and her work with the campus administration has resulted in the creation and institutionalization of the first Resource Planning Board, and

Whereas, She has taken an active role in efforts to develop a strategic planning process on campus, and

Whereas, She has mentored Associated Student directors and improved their participation in joint governance, and

Whereas, She has been especially mindful to promote principles of non-discrimination and inclusion, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of San Jose State University congratulate, thank and commend Dr. Annette Nellen for exemplary leadership, and be it further

Resolved, That the leadership and members of the Academic Senate move its work forward with the energy and commitment that Dr. Annette Nellen’s leadership has inspired.