

**SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY  
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**SS-S16-5, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring and Thanking  
President Susan Martin for her Service to San José State University**

**Legislative History:** At its meeting of May 9, 2016, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Chair Kimbarow for the Executive Committee.

**Sense of the Senate Resolution  
Honoring and Thanking President Susan Martin for her Service to  
San José State University**

- Whereas; After serving as President of Eastern Michigan University for seven years, President Martin agreed to postpone her planned sabbatical to come to San José State University to serve as Interim President, and
- Whereas; President Martin, her husband Dr. Larry Martin, and their puppy Teddy moved cross-country on short notice to come to San Jose, and
- Whereas; President Martin took up residence in a campus apartment and lived among the students for almost three months, and
- Whereas; President Martin reached out to students, faculty and staff across the campus and became a very public face of the institution, and
- Whereas; Through her natural, authentic, and transparent communication style, President Martin immediately improved morale among faculty, students, and staff, and
- Whereas; President Martin embraced Spartan Pride and communicated a positive message about SJSU to the campus and external community, and
- Whereas; President Martin saw to it that Dudley Morehead Hall would be retrofitted for air conditioning, and
- Whereas; President Martin created an environment for the cabinet to work collaboratively for the benefit of the campus
- Whereas; President Martin showed an amazing ability to bring a wide array of personal and professional skills to bear on campus issues in a way that repeatedly moved us forward, and

Whereas; President Martin's capacity to understand the pivotal issues when listening to the concerns of faculty, staff, students, and administrators enabled the campus to make substantive progress over the course of the year, and

Whereas; President Martin demonstrated respect and support for shared governance and attended all Executive Committee and Senate meetings when she was able; therefore be it

Resolved; That the SJSU Academic Senate thanks President Susan Martin for her extraordinary service to the University, and be it further

Resolved; That we wish President Martin a much deserved peaceful and stress-free sabbatical year when she returns to Michigan, and be it further

Resolved; That we will always remember with great appreciation all that she accomplished for the campus during her short time with us and will always consider President Martin a member of the San José State University Spartan family.

Approved: May 3, 2016

Vote: 14-0-0

Present: Kimbarow, Feinstein, Blaylock, Lanning, Laroche, Kaufman, Heiden, Peter, Mathur, Backer, Amante, Lee, Frazier, Shifflett

Absent: None