

Modesto Junior College
Academic Senate
Resolution: SP21-D: Recognition of Exemplary Leadership in Challenging Times
Proposed by: Shelley Circle

Whereas: Ever since March 13th, 2020 when Modesto Junior College (MJC) began the transition to remote instruction due to the outbreak of Covid-19, the Academic Senate, including our Academic Senate Executive and each Senator and substitute representative, has helped lead the college during challenging times by continued engagement in participatory governance and academic and professional matters; and

Whereas: For the first time in the history of our Academic Senate our faculty leaders have completed a full academic year while working from home, zooming into meetings with pets and no socks, and also teaching a wide array of classes in new ways; and

Whereas: Senators and the Senate Executive have demonstrated considerable calm while carrying on the duties of our noble profession in extraordinary times, both inspiring countless students and advocating for faculty issues in virtual governance settings; and

Whereas: Faculty leaders of MJC have continued the long tradition, now remotely for the first time, of the Academic Senate as the home for collegiality, mutual respect and thoughtful debate and decision-making on academic and professional matters; and

Whereas: They have done so with great style, never once committing the foibles of others, such as the mathematics professor at the National University of Singapore who delivered his entire two-hour online math lecture recently while on mute, the Minnesota congressman who entered an online meeting of the House Financial Services Committee upside down or the Texas prosecutor who joined a Zoom legal hearing while equipped with a filter that made him appear to be a cat.

Therefore, Be It Resolved: The following faculty be commended for their public service as Senators in challenging time: Rich Dyer, Jennifer Macias, Noah Wilson, Shaila Christofferson, John Zamora, Kevin Alavezos, Tristin Hassell, Kerri Stephens, Belen Robinson, Gabe Tovar, Layla Spain, Ashley Kipple, Theresa Rojas, Titiana Stovall, Andrew Kranzman, Annaliese Hausler-Akpovi, Jamie DeRollo, Jesus Navarro, Austin Adams, Holly Nash-Rule, Deborah Martin, Bob Droual, Jeff Beebe, Margaret Kingori, Marc Anaya, Danielle Preciado, Jim Howen, Cheryl Mulder, Steve Amador, Erick Ivory, Erin Herold, Theresa Stovall and Eddie Gomez; and

Resolved: Rudy Andrade, Laura Manzo, Jennifer McDonald, Ariana Gonzalez and Mike Morales also be thanked for serving as substitute representatives in the Academic Senate.

Be It Further Resolved: Chad Redwing, Shelley Circle, Gisele Flores, Aishah Saleh, Stella Beratlis, Hans Hauselmann, Rob Stevenson, Curtis Martin and Allan McKissick be commended for excellence in service as members of the Academic Senate Executive; along with Kathy Haskin, the Senate Executive has been crucial to the successful, continued operations of our faculty senate in challenging times. Each is thanked for ensuring that all faculty are empowered with the rights and responsibilities of our profession, even during a global pandemic.

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Final Reading: April 15, 2021

Disposition: Carried