

Resolution in Honor of Nancy Persons Upon her Retirement

WHEREAS Nancy Persons has served Santa Rosa Junior College with distinction, dedication, and integrity, proving that one can indeed maintain their sharp East Coast edge while navigating the gentle, sun-drenched pace of California; and

WHEREAS before and during her distinguished tenure as Academic Senate President, Nancy cultivated the soul of a true information seeker during her career as a public services librarian, mastering the art of finding answers even when patrons weren't entirely sure what they were looking for, a skill that served her remarkably well when wrangling faculty debates; and

WHEREAS Nancy provided exemplary leadership as the President of the Academic Senate, where she championed shared governance with the same precision and patience one might apply to a complex knitting pattern or a perfectly aligned quilting square; and

WHEREAS during her tenure, she championed academic excellence, equity, and student success, always finding the perfect balance between the restorative calm of a yoga flow and the rugged endurance required for a long-distance hike; and

WHEREAS her leadership was marked by professionalism that while it suggested she was raised on the no-nonsense streets of the East Coast, was also tempered by the humility of someone who has endured countless hours of parliamentary procedure training.

WHEREAS Nancy approached the complexities of the Brown Act with the focus of a Boston Terrier protecting its favorite toy, specifically harboring a legendary and well-justified distaste for excessive time extensions that threatened to derail the order of the day; and

WHEREAS in her pursuit of effective and orderly governance, Nancy mastered *Robert's Rules of Order*, guiding meetings with a clarity that left little room for ambiguity, ensuring when discussions wandered, she could gently call for the question; and

WHEREAS her years of service reflect a commitment to public higher education that is enduring, and her capacity for advocacy is matched only by her expertise in wrangling the high-energy world of grandchildren;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of Santa Rosa Junior College expresses its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Nancy Persons for her outstanding service and leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate congratulates Nancy Persons on her retirement and extends its warmest wishes for a next chapter filled with an abundance of yarn, yoga retreats, adventurous trails, relaxing trips to the Berkshires, endless time for reading, the companionship of her already retired spouse, leisure, new recipes and a Boston Terrier who, hopefully, respects her newfound freedom from meeting agendas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Academic Senate and presented to Nancy Persons as a token of the Senate's enduring respect and appreciation.

Santa Rosa Junior College Academic Senate, May 6th, 2026