Resolution Number: RF15-339
November, 2015

Whereas:
Patty Bartscher holds a B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles, an M.A. from
the University of California, Berkeley, and a J.D. degree from Hastings College of the
Law; and

Whereas:
Patty Bartscher joined San Francisco State University (SF State) as a lecturer in the
Management Department in 1982 and quickly joined the ranks of tenure-track faculty in
this academic unit; and

Whereas:
In 1986, Patty Bartscher began teaching international business law in the Accounting
Department, where she served until she was appointed acting associate dean of Faculty
Affairs in 1988; and

Whereas:
Beginning in 1992, Patty Bartscher served as director of Academic Relations until her
appointment as university counsel in July 1994, a role she has held to date; and

Whereas:
Because of her experience as a former member of the Faculty Affairs staff and someone
who continued to teach throughout her career here, Patty Bartscher understood
Academic Affairs and faculty issues extremely well; and

Whereas:
This insight made Patty Bartscher a very valuable asset who could provide legal advice
from the overall perspective of the University as a whole, but also upon a wide range of
issues that affect faculty in particular; and

Whereas:
Patty Bartscher’s knowledge and expertise—which allowed her to provide Academic
Affairs with sage advice upon matters ranging from RTP through HR to best practices for
hiring and search committees—will be sorely missed; and

Whereas:
Patty Bartscher has spent countless hours as a member of the CSU Office of the General
Council Academic/Student Affairs Team, and she is the CSU system’s specialist on
immigration and residency issues and the resource attorney on athletics; and
Whereas:
Patty Bartscher’s exemplary service to SF State has clearly encompassed her role as faculty, administrator and legal counsel where she has kept students her priority as well as the integrity, reputation and safety of the University; and

Whereas:
Patty Bartscher’s expertise in NCAA issues is well known and she is an often requested resource throughout the CSU. Her knowledge of visas, work permits and international law has been the cornerstone of the diversity of this campus and many other CSU campuses. Her knowledge of the CSU and SF State will be missed; and

Whereas:
Patty Bartscher’s great sense of humor, deep understanding of state and federal law, and sincere commitment to SF State will not be forgotten; therefore be it

Resolved:
That the Academic Senate of SF State thank Patty Bartscher for her dedication to the mission of San Francisco State University and California State University; and be it further

Resolved:
That the Academic Senate of SF State acknowledge and applaud Patty Bartscher’s efforts to engage in shared governance during her tenure as an active member of this body; and be it further

Resolved:
That the Academic Senate of SF State wish Patty Bartscher happy times with her family and only the very best in the next chapter of her already very accomplished life; and be it further

Resolved:
That the Academic Senate of SF State declare these warm wishes and thanks to be non-negotiable.