

Resolution Number: RS13-308

February, 2013

*****Approved by Acclimation on February 05, 2013*****

Whereas:

David Meredith was our colleague at San Francisco State University for 40 and one half years and retired in Spring 2012 as a faculty emeritus; and

Whereas:

David Meredith served with distinction on the Academic Senate as Academic Policies Committee Chair, Senate Secretary, and Academic Senate Chair; and

Whereas:

David Meredith was a trusted, respected, kind, caring, and generous faculty member, mentor, friend, and colleague; and

Whereas:

David Meredith was an exceptional scholar who earned his BS in Mathematics from Stanford University, graduating with "Honors in Humanities" and "Great Distinction"; he earned his MS and Ph.D. in Mathematics from Brandeis University; was an N.S.F. postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University; and the C. L. E. Moore Instructor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and

Whereas:

David Meredith was a dedicated mathematician who greatly increased the quality of the Mathematics graduate program and considerably increased the number of mathematics graduate students at SF State during his time as Graduate Advisor of the Mathematics Department (1998-2001); served as Chair of the Mathematics Department from January 2002 until summer 2006, and greatly contributed to the growth of the department by hiring several outstanding faculty including the first two bio-mathematicians at SF State; and

Whereas:

David Meredith contributed greatly to the community at-large; he served on many University Committees as a senior faculty member including CUSP, the University Scholarship Committee, the Facilitating Graduation Task Force, and Phi Beta Kappa; pioneered interdisciplinary teaching in the NEXA program; and he sailed his own boat, Archimedes, on the San Francisco Bay, taking disabled sailors out on the Bay every week; served on the board of the Bay Area Association for Disabled Sailors (BAADS); and applied his mathematical skills to celestial navigation; and

Whereas:

David Meredith brought out the best in us as an Academic Senate, leading us through our work with an ever-present devotion to our students and to the inherent values of a trained mind; and

Whereas:

David Meredith was a great friend to all who knew him, and who held friendships for over 50 years with colleagues with whom he worked, studied, hiked, sailed, fished, traveled, cared for, and shared his great sense of humor; and

Whereas:

David Meredith passed on December 11, 2012;
and

Whereas:

SF State University Faculty, Staff and Students will miss his gentle presence and guidance as colleague, mentor, and friend, therefore be it

Resolved:

That the Academic Senate expresses its deep and heartfelt sadness at his passing much too soon; and be it further

Resolved:

That the Academic Senate sends its condolences to David's family whom he also lovingly cared for; his wife Idell, Son Clark, Daughter-in-law Cristi, and granddaughters Daveri and Danica; and be it further

Resolved:

That the Academic Senate will remember David often as we strive to emulate his humble dedication to teaching, service, and scholarship.
