

Resolution Number: RS14-321

May, 2014

Whereas:

Dean Fred Le Don Taylor (better known as Dean Don Taylor or simply “the Don”) of the College of Health & Social Sciences served eight semesters on the Academic Senate between 2004 and 2013; and

Whereas:

Dean Taylor exemplified the sagacity of internal promotion by beginning his career in 1974 as a rank and file faculty member of the Department of Recreation & Leisure Studies; and

Whereas:

Dean Taylor was an original insurrectionist who formed the College of Health and Human Services (CHHS); and

Whereas:

Dean Taylor used his intimate knowledge of HHS he acquired from the ground up to become a maximally effective dean in 2006 and captain the helm of the College through the turbulent waters of challenges to its viability and intellectual worth, as well as its merger with units from the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences to form the College of Health and Social Sciences (CHSS); and

Whereas:

Dean Taylor has pushed the University to fulfill its service mission by promoting service learning, programmatic offerings in the College of Extended Learning, and the Institute for Civic and Community Engagement; and

Whereas:

Dean Taylor at every turn emphasized the intellectual rigor and value of service education, and

Whereas:

Dean Taylor has been a collegial leader and sounding board for department chairs, living and championing Jim Collins’ ideas of “who we get on the bus and in which seats,” and “working toward Level 5 leadership”; and

Whereas:

citizen Don Taylor has always been highly athletic and frequently found on the seas, sailing a ship; therefore let it be

Resolved:

That the Academic Senate of San Francisco State University congratulates Dean Taylor on his successful tenure as Dean of the College, having left legacies of excellence in both administration and academics; and let it further be

Resolved:

That the Academic Senate commends Dean Taylor on being an outstanding leader, teacher, and visionary; and let it further be

Resolved:

That we offer Dean Don Taylor the best wish a sailor can have, “Fair winds and following seas.”
