

Resolution Number: RS18-371
May, 2018

Whereas:

Dean Linda Oubre has been an active member of the SF State community for six years since her appointment as Dean of the College of Business in July 2012; and

Whereas:

Dean Oubre came to SF State with extensive experience as an executive leader in several organizations, including Walt Disney, the Los Angeles Times, Britesmile, and UC Davis; and

Whereas:

Dean Oubre arrived at SF State with a BA from UCLA, an MBA from Harvard University and earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership (EdD) at the University of Pennsylvania while serving as Dean, with her dissertation titled "Seeing What Sticks! Revenue Diversification and New Venturing in the Business Schools of the California State University"; and

Whereas:

Dean Oubre was named one of the San Francisco Bay Area's "Most Influential Women in Business 2013" by the San Francisco Business Times; and

Whereas:

Dean Oubre focused her stewardship of the College of Business on developing new sources of revenue and working to effectively align financial and people resources to the mission of the college; and

Whereas:

Dean Oubre promoted curricular and program innovation by initiating review and renovation of the MBA and Executive MBA programs, overseeing the introduction of new MBA's in Hospitality, Healthcare, and Biotech, and an MS in Business Analytics, and raising almost \$1,000,000 for a new undergraduate program in Commercial Real Estate; and

Whereas:

Dean Oubre implemented several new non-academic programs, including executive education and seminars such as the Women's Emerging Leadership Forum, the Entrepreneurship Symposium, and Extended Learning programs in Data Coding, Finance for Non-Financial Executives, and Spreadsheet Analytics; and

Whereas:

Dean Oubre introduced new financial planning and reporting procedures and created a new Director of Finance and Operations role to support efficient budgeting, reporting and planning; and

Whereas:

Dean Oubre secured funding and dedicated space to support career training and preparation for both undergraduate and graduate students, and increase tutoring and advising services to support student success; and

Whereas:

Dean Oubre hired over 40 new tenure track faculty during her tenure, building a more diverse faculty that is rich in outstanding teachers and researchers; and

Whereas:

Dean Oubre has supported faculty research and development by ensuring adequate allocation of professional development funds, appointing a faculty Research & Accreditation Officer, and implementing new research awards and additional funding to promote research quality and productivity; and

Whereas:

Dean Oubre successfully shepherded the College of Business through the AACSB accreditation process while ensuring a high standard of academic integrity; and

Whereas:

Dean Oubre created a new business development and marketing organization for the college to promote more effective outreach and relationship-building with CoB community stakeholders; and

Whereas:

Dean Oubre increased donations to the College of Business by over 250% since the start of her tenure, and exceeded fundraising goals every year; therefore be it

Resolved:

That the Academic Senate of San Francisco State University offers its appreciation and congratulations to Dean Oubre for her successful tenure as Dean of the College of Business, having left a legacy of administrative and academic excellence; and let it further be

Resolved:

That the Academic Senate wishes Dean Linda Oubre a happy and successful future in her new role as President of Whittier College.
