Resolution Number: RS19-378
February, 2019

Whereas:
RATIONALE: The Academic Senate is an inclusive community and recognizes significant leadership and long
standing service by faculty, staff, students and administrators. When a long-term member passes away, it is important
to provide a moment of recognition for their altruistic contributions in the form of an in-memoriam resolution.

Whereas:
the Academic Senate is comprised of members who donate their time, service, and energy to the campus community;
and

Whereas:
the passing of a long-term member affects us deeply;
and

Whereas:
Saul Steier, an associate professor and former chair of Humanities in the College of Liberal and Creative Arts, joined
San Francisco State University in 1982; and

Whereas:
Dr. Steier served 29 years on the Academic Senate as a member of the Academic Policies Committee, Curriculum
Review and Approval Committee, Faculty Affairs Committee, Student Affairs Committee and many other
campuswide, college, and department committees; and

Whereas:
Dr. Steier is remembered as a powerful voice, speaking his truth to power and making the Senate a spirited and
important site for debate and policy-making; and

Whereas:
Dr. Steier passed on January 7, 2019 surrounded by his wife Dr. Cynthia Ward and children Creed, Liam, Misha and
Asher; and

Whereas:
one colleague said of Dr. Steier, “he loved language and life of the mind and had an extraordinary intellectual range.”
Another said, “Saul was completely, brilliantly, maddeningly himself, at all times and places.”

Whereas:
one student noted of Professor Steier, “a brilliant mind, a unique character, and a caring
soul;”

Whereas:
one senator noted, “When I was a young senator, and a relatively young professor, Saul made me feel welcomed and
valued as his equal. Whenever I saw him sitting by Cafe Rosso, I would stop and sit with Saul for a while, just to share
community with him for a few minutes; a wry laugh over some absurd Senate struggle; or just a kind moment with
each other in the sometimes bruising world of academia. I miss my friend.”

Resolved:
the 2018-19 Academic Senate recognize and thank Senator Steier in memoriam for his life of service; and be it
further

Resolved:
the 2018-19 Academic Senate bow our heads in a moment of silence in his memory and all those in our campus
community who we’ve lost this academic year.