Resolution Number: RS19-386

May, 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 leaves the University, it is important to provide a moment of recognition for their altruistic contributions in the form of a resolution.

Whereas:
Dr. Sacha Bunge has acquired 45 years of history at San Francisco State University including the years as an undergraduate and graduate student starting in 1974 following with 41 years of service; and

Whereas:
Dr. Sacha Bunge obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 1976 and her Master of Arts in 1978, both at San Francisco State University; and

Whereas:
Dean Bunge obtained her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at UC Berkley in 1989; and

Whereas:
Dean Bunge’s field of research was on child welfare and child abuse prevention; and

Whereas:
Dean Bunge was a lecturer in the Department of Psychology in 1978 at San Francisco State University; and

Whereas:
Dean Bunge was appointed Assistant Professor in the department of Psychology in 1990, was department Chair from 2008 to 2010, was Associate Dean of the former College of Behavioral and Social Sciences from 2010 – 2011; and

Whereas:
Dean Sacha Bunge was Principal Investigator on a National Institute for Mental Health grant; and

Whereas:
Dr. Bunge was named Dean of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development in 2011 and;

Whereas:
During her tenure as Dean she continued to champion faculty development and growth, and uphold and promote SF State mission of social justice; and

Whereas:
Dean Bunge was relentless in her desire to mentor faculty; and

Whereas:
She supervised the establishment of the Center for Equity and Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CEETL) at SF State; and

Whereas:
She initiated a cultural shift on campus in hiring, retention, and faculty development in her desire to promote inclusivity, equity, and diversity; and

Whereas:
She guided faculty and colleagues employing a sharp mind, a sense of fairness, and a healthy sense of humor providing and exemplary model of leadership and collegiality; and

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Whereas: She used her training to foster fruitful conflict resolution; and

Whereas: She used her professional training, sense of empathy, together with her calm and even temperament to promote a reflecting environment; and

Whereas: Dean Sacha Bunge bicycles to work every day in a truly Dutch tradition.

Whereas: Dean Bunge re-configures furniture, in every meeting possible, in the spirit of true clinical group therapy practice; and

Whereas: Dean Bunge insists on expressing gratitude each week in order to promote mental well-being, even if all one can be grateful at the time is that the week is over; therefore be it

Resolved: That Dean Sacha Bunge will leave a legacy of administrative leadership, academic excellence, of advancing an inclusive teamwork environment, and of building equity and inclusion practices towards the goal of a more diverse faculty; and be it further

Resolved: That the Academic Senate express its gratitude for Dean Bunge's 41 years of inspirational, tireless, and meaningful service; and be it further

Resolved: That the Academic Senate extends to Dean Bunge best wishes as she embarks on the next leg of her journey with her family and friends; and be it further

Resolved: That the Academic Senate extends to Dean Bunge an open invitation to always remind us to reflect on our accomplishments, to express gratitude for the abundance we enjoy, to recognize our strength in each other and to plan for a positive way ahead.