Resolution Number: RF19-391
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Whereas:

RATIONALE: Professor Amy Kilgard served as the inaugural Faculty Director for the Center for Equity and Excellence in Teaching and Learning from 2016 through 2019. She helped set up many of the programs that CEETL offers and provided leadership and direction to the Center that set it up for success for years to come.

Whereas:

Dr. Amy Kilgard was appointed as the inaugural Faculty Director of the Center for Equity and Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CEETL) in 2016; and

Whereas:

Dr. Kilgard developed a space where faculty authentically participated in the process of improving the craft of teaching at SF State. She both challenged fellows and provided a safe environment that supported taking chances including rather unconventional ideas, such as Board Games with Colleagues; and

Whereas:

As CEETL Faculty Director Dr. Kilgard has connected all SF State faculty with support and professional development opportunities that promote equity-minded, innovative, and reflective learning and teaching; and

Whereas:

Dr. Kilgard models as well as nurtures in others the highest standards of compassion, inclusion and other qualities that foster equitable educational experiences among students, faculty and staff and her sense of humor, kindness, and graciousness has enriched those who know her and have worked with her; and

Whereas:

Throughout her leadership Dr. Kilgard has taught us all to teach with abundance and embrace asset-based rather than deficit-based attitudes about students, colleagues, and oneself; and

Whereas:

Dr. Kilgard provided leadership in the development and organization of the January Faculty Retreat, including an increased focus on teaching and learning; and

Whereas:

Dr. Kilgard has collaboratively worked with the First-Year Experience Initiative to shift the campus towards a culture of care, inclusion and equity in teaching first-year students at San Francisco State University, including efforts to develop the First-Year Pedagogies for Inclusive Excellence (FY-PIE) Institute and participating in the CSU Institute on Teaching and Learning (ITL) Summer Academy on “Equity-Minded Approaches to First Year Learning”; be it therefore

Resolved:

That the Academic Senate thanks and commends Dr. Amy Kilgard for her work as Faculty Director of CEETL; and be it further

Resolved:

That the Academic Senate welcomes incoming Faculty Director of CEETL (and former Senator and member of the Executive Committee) Dr. Wei Ming Dariotis; and be it further

Resolved:

The Academic Senate wishes Dr. Kilgard the best as she transitions to Chair of the Department of Communications Studies.