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RESOLUTION  
COMMENDING MARILYN VERHEY

Whereas Marilyn Verhey prepared brilliantly for her  
career at San Francisco State University, showing great foresight by preparing  
for and working in the fields of library science and psychiatric nursing; and

Whereas Marilyn  
Verhey has served San Francisco State for seventeen years as a faculty member,  
campus assessment guru or â€˜czar,’ and Dean of Faculty Affairs and Professional  
Development; and

Whereas Within the  
School of Nursing, Marilyn Verhey was the ultimate scholar, placing students at  
the center of her work, supporting faculty, and providing leadership for the  
first community health clinic operated by San Francisco State University; and

Whereas Marilyn  
Verhey has for all these years been a university citizen par excellence; and

Whereas Marilyn Verhey has been a role-model for both  
faculty and administrators in her dedication to complete and open consultation  
with faculty on a broad range of matters from developing a revised university  
form for student evaluation of teaching effectiveness to devising reasonable  
processes to actualize the often-impenetrable language of the Collective  
Bargaining Agreement; and

Whereas Marilyn Verhey, as Dean of Faculty Affairs, has consistently made herself  
accessible to faculty who needed advice, sought an informed view about issues  
important to them, or simply wanted to talk to her, thereby demonstrating her  
view of the role as a resource for faculty and her respect for faculty in  
general; and

Whereas Under  
Marilyn Verhey’s guidance, the Center for Teaching and Faculty Development  
realized an enlarged vision of its purposes and has now become a rich source  
for faculty seeking professional growth whether in the classroom or in  
scholarly/creative pursuits -- a perspective that invites faculty to enlarge  
their knowledge and expand their teaching repertoire; and

Whereas Marilyn  
Verhey has modeled for all of us a way of coping with major or chronic illness,  
transforming theory into praxis in her frankness about her experience, her  
straightforwardness and honesty about it, her lack of self-consciousness  
in acknowledging it, and her gentle sense of humor in describing some of its  
effects on her daily life; and

Whereas Marilyn  
Verhey comes to work each day with enthusiasm, energy, an inclination to solve  
problems, an even-handed pragmatism, and a humaneness that becomes the Office  
of Faculty Affairs; and

Whereas In  
short, Marilyn Verhey has epitomized in all her roles the ineffable quality of  
“being there” for faculty and for the entire University; and

Whereas It is Marilyn Verhey’s plan to challenge the  
American pioneer spirit and Horace Greeley (who urged, "Go west, young  
man!"), reversing the traditional course of  
American geo-history by moving to the â€‘right coast,’ to the ultimate gain of LL  
Bean, Hannaford Brothers, Boskov’s, OrangeOnions, the Burlington Coat Factory
and the great and independent State of Maine; therefore let it be

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate of San Francisco State University vigorously applaud the many and diverse contributions to this campus of Marilyn Verhey; and let it further be

RESOLVED That on behalf of all San Francisco State University faculty the Academic Senate of SFSU hail Marilyn Verhey as a model of the caring, cultured, humane, respectful, and superbly competent scholastica cum administrator;
and let it further be

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate of San Francisco State University urge Marilyn Verhey to explore the many pleasures of Deer Isle and its more-or-less immediate environs, from the marine surroundings, “calm harbor,” granite quarries, and ever-changing skies to the local fruits de mer, bookstores, arts and crafts galleries, celebrations like the Lupine Festival in spring and Winterfest in January, good restaurants like Le Domaine in Hancock, and the eleven rabbitries sprinkled across Maine; and let it further be

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate of San Francisco State University share with Marilyn Verhey best wishes from the entire university community for a long life, a pleasurable and peaceful retirement, and the best of all worlds.