

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR DISTINGUISHED  
COLLEAGUE MARCIA WOOLF**

WHEREAS, Marcia Woolf began her career with the California State University at the Office of the Chancellor in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Marcia Woolf joined the founding faculty and staff to launch the CSU's twenty-first campus, California State University San Marcos (CSUSM), on August 21, 1989 as Administrative Aide to Executive Vice President Richard Rush; and

WHEREAS, Marcia co-coordinated the ceremony in which Governor Deukmejian and Chancellor Reynolds signed the documents establishing CSUSM just ten days after her first day of work; and

WHEREAS, Among myriad tasks during her early days at Cal State Jerome's, Marcia helped organize CSUSM's burgeoning library collection; and

WHEREAS, Marcia employed her managerial acumen and administrative skills to establish policies and procedures as a Grants and Contracts Specialist at the CSUSM Foundation, where she provided exceptional support for faculty grant recipients for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Marcia's organizational talents plus her calm and patient demeanor were the perfect qualifications for taking on the challenging role of Academic Senate Coordinator in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Marcia improved the operations of the Academic Senate Office by developing procedures for her position, managing complex email distribution lists, recording meetings to back up her amazing memory and shorthand skills, developing an electronic filing system to archive and retrieve Senate business, designing and re-designing the Senate website, running elections in a fair and timely manner, and coordinating with other campus units and the CSU systemwide Academic Senate; and

WHEREAS, For 13 years, Marcia employed her considerable experience in cat-herding to corral and guide in the right direction a total of 39 Senate officers, 112 standing committee chairs, 793 committee members, 713 senators, and 4 parliamentarians; and

WHEREAS, Marcia organized, publicized, and attended every Executive Committee and Senate meeting, served as an essential member of the Senate's leadership team, became the go-to person for all matters related to university-level shared governance, and was the only non-senator

allowed to remain in Senate meetings when the body went into Executive Session in confidential or crisis situations; and

WHEREAS, Marcia added a humorous spin to her interactions with faculty by spicing up the Executive Committee and Academic Senate agendas with hilarious *New Yorker* cartoons, thereby assuring that the agendas would at least be skimmed by their recipients; and

WHEREAS, Marcia could always be counted on to remain calm and efficient in the midst of chaos and looming deadlines; and

WHEREAS, Marcia's technical prowess spans more than two decades of technological advances, from bitnet meetings to clickers, from Doodle polls to Moodle folders, and from email lists to online elections; and

WHEREAS, Marcia boxed up and successfully moved the Senate office enough times to get into the *Guinness Book of World Records*; and

WHEREAS, Marcia actually ran the Academic Senate meetings with a system of looks, head nods, hand signals, and mouthed-but-unspoken words that every Senate chair committed to memory—or else read from the “What To Say, When” script that Marcia presented to each new chair; and

WHEREAS, Senate chairs learned to rely on “The Marcia Test” when confronted with especially controversial or sticky situations—if Marcia said, “That doesn't sound right,” the correct path was to find out more and re-think the Senate's next steps; and

WHEREAS, Marcia managed to keep the Senate office running like a well-oiled machine while simultaneously earning a B.A. in Literature and Writing Studies; and

WHEREAS, Marcia entered every Literature and Writing Studies classroom with a fierce desire to know—sharing with wit and generosity her insights, and never seeing her own perceptiveness and eloquence; and

WHEREAS, In her lucky-thirteenth year as Senate Coordinator, Marcia presided over the inaugural 'To Tell the Truthiness' game show at the Academic Assembly in January 2014; and

WHEREAS, Marcia used her incredible quilting skills to mend senators' broken hearts as well the holes in their brains; and

WHEREAS, Marcia always downplayed her own trials and tribulations while spear-heading support efforts for colleagues and friends in need; and

WHEREAS, It is difficult to imagine someone more in tune with the professional and personal needs of her colleagues than Marcia; and

WHEREAS, Marcia is the embodiment of an exemplary colleague—a responsive, caring, and dedicated professional; a classy individual with a wonderful spirit; and a model for us all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Marcia Woolf now and forever be considered Queen Extraordinaire of the Senate and Queen of Truthiness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of CSUSM thank her for her efforts towards the process of building this university from the ground up; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate recognize her faithful dedication and considerable contributions to shared governance at CSUSM; and be it further

RESOLVED, That her friends and colleagues from the Academic Senate and the entire CSUSM community, in which she has played such an integral role for 25 years, wish her the very best health, happiness, and peace in her retirement and in the many new adventures yet to be stitched into the magnificent quilt that is her life.