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*Address to the Solano Community College Governing Board of Trustees
Wednesday, 18 May 2010
On Behalf of Lillian Marie Nelson*

To Board President Honeychurch, Vice President Young, Distinguished Trustees, & Superintendent/President Dr. Laguerre, greetings and salutations. I rise this evening to honor the service of my very special friend and colleague, outgoing Student Trustee Lillian Marie Nelson. Lillian and I have known each other for a number of years, now, and while I cannot say that we always agree, I can indeed say that we have always fought together for student rights here at the College.

Without exception, every stand Lillian takes on issues pertaining to the College is first and foremost out of a sense of fidelity and solemn duty to the integrity of our dear institution. Lillian bleeds white and blue, and the fervor she exudes in this regard is both self evident and undeniable. She is as tenacious as a pit bull, and woe be unto one who runs afoul of the student interest on Ms. Nelson's watch. Having been in her crosshairs myself on more than one occasion, I can personally attest, therefore, to her acerbic wit and sardonic humor. Lillian exhibits a decidedly singular manner, one that many fail to appreciate fully on a consistent basis. However, those who work daily with her cannot deny the high level of dedication, devotion, and dependability she brings to the student cause. Unquestionably, Lillian Marie Nelson stands as one of the most stalwart and unflagging student advocates on this campus, a fact she will readily affirm without compunction. I, for one, vociferously applaud her for all of her efforts. Lillian M. Nelson is without a doubt one of the most tried and true leaders I have ever known, and I am exceptionally proud to have worked with her here at Solano Community College.

Respectfully,


David R. Brannen

Academic Senate Resolution Honoring Erin Farmer

Whereas, the Solano Community College Academic Senate has a long established practice of recognizing faculty for their contributions to the College through resolutions and Erin Farmer, through her actions and deeds, is deserving of such recognition;

Whereas, Erin Farmer has diligently served as Chair of the Curriculum Committee for six years and in that time has shepherded through countless new courses, course deletions and modifications, not to mention curriculum reviews.;

Whereas, Erin Farmer consistently and with great dignity, expertise, and humor, led the Curriculum Committee through difficult discussions, always maintaining a firm hand, but providing a forum for collegial discussion and consensus building;

Whereas, Erin Farmer worked tirelessly and effectively with the Curriculum Office and the administration to provide leadership on curriculum issues;

Whereas, Erin Farmer has cheerfully offered help, support and guidance (often times one-on-one) to all faculty who work to improve course offerings through our established curriculum process;

Whereas, Erin Farmer's vision and tenacity lead to changes in our curriculum software, bringing the College into the 21st century, through the purchase and imminent implementation of CurricUNET;

Whereas, Erin Farmer organized and provided many Flex training sessions, to keep faculty current with curriculum changes, and methods for the improvement of established courses and the introduction of new ones;

Whereas, Erin Farmer attended Academic Senate Plenary sessions and Curriculum Institute conferences, in order to keep Solano at the forefront of any and all changes to the laws and policies affecting our academic mission;

Whereas, Erin Farmer discovered our lack of compliance with Title V in regards to online instruction and curricular methods and dedicated herself, often in the face of much hostility and criticism, to getting us back in compliance and established new standards for keeping us there;

Whereas, Erin Farmer organized, gathered data for, and wrote a great deal of many accreditation reports, most notably the 2009 Special Report, both generally, and specifically for curriculum, and urged changes which are now being implemented to save the writer time and sanity;

Whereas, Erin Farmer has the conviction and strength to stand up for her beliefs, especially during times when others are quick to bend and manipulate the truth; her unwavering determination and commitment to said truth at the now infamous "Rockville Accreditation Summit" is only one example of such dedication;

Whereas, Erin Farmer has always been a voice for the rights of faculty to determine their own curriculum, and fought, even at great personal expense, for collegial and measured discourse, and who has always seen curriculum as the heart of the College;

Resolved, the Solano Community College Academic Senate owes a debt of gratitude to Erin Farmer and hereby publicly expresses their deepest thanks, wishing her well in all her future endeavors.

May 17, 2010

**SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD**

RESOLUTION HONORING LILLIAN M. NELSON

Whereas, Lillian M. Nelson served faithfully and with distinction for one year on the Solano Community College District Governing Board as Student Trustee, May 2009 – May 2010;

Whereas, Lillian M. Nelson, a first-generation college student, has overcome numerous barriers to pursue higher education: President of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Beta Mu Gamma Chapter, Past President of the Women’s Empowerment Council, and is a two-term Student Trustee;

Whereas, At Solano Community College, Lillian M. Nelson served on the Associated Students of Solano College (ASSC) as a Senator as well as the ASSC President in 2008-2009. She has advocated for students by serving on the Shared Governance Council, Financial and Budget Planning Advisory Council, Curriculum Committee, SB 135 Committee-Facilities; Student Center Renovation Committee (Building 1400), Student Learning Outcomes Committee, Enrollment Management and Retention Committee, Basic Skills Task Force; Facilities Use Task Force, Strategic Technology Advisory and ERP Committees, Program Discontinuance Committee, Safety Committee, and the Accreditation Follow-Up Steering Committee, as well as several management hiring committees;

Whereas, Lillian M. Nelson has lobbied at the national and state levels for increased funding for California community colleges as a representative on the Student Senate of California Community Colleges and the American Student Association of Community Colleges;

Whereas, Lillian M. Nelson is also actively involved with the Asian Pacific Islander Club, Re-Entry Club, and Drafting Club. Following a sexual assault on campus, Lillian M. Nelson successfully pushed for the installation of emergency blue light phones throughout the campus, and

Whereas, Lillian M. Nelson has worked tirelessly to further enhance the educational climate at Solano Community College for our current and future students, now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Solano Community College District Governing Board hereby expresses sincere appreciation to Lillian M. Nelson for her student leadership and dedicated service to the District; and, further be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board wishes her well in her future educational and career pursuits, and extends sincere thanks for her many contributions to the future of Solano Community College.

Passed and Adopted, This 19th day of May 2010, by the Governing Board of the Solano Community College District.

Denis Honeychurch, J.D., President A. Marie Young, Vice President Sarah E. Chapman

James M. Claffey

Pam Keith

Phil McCaffrey

Rosemary Thurston

Resolution No. 2010-103

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF THE H1N1 NOVEL VIRUS

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2009 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services determined that a nationwide Public Health Emergency existed relative to the Swine Flu pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2009 Governor Schwarzenegger proclaimed a State of Emergency in California to support and facilitate our State's response and mitigation efforts associated with the H1N1 Swine Flu pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2009 the Solano County Board of Supervisors declared a local health emergency in response to the H1N1 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Solano County residents' demand for information and support exceeded the capacity of the Solano County Department of Health and Social Services; and

WHEREAS, the demand for vaccination by Solano County residents could not be met utilizing only County personnel and resources; and

WHEREAS, community based mass vaccination clinics were established to serve the needs of Solano County's most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, Solano Community College partnered with the Solano County Department of Health and Social Services to provide support in the endeavor to educate and vaccinate and thereby protect thousands of Solano County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Solano Community College for partnering with Solano County in combating the spread of the H1N1 novel virus.

Dated this 27th day of April, 2010




JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MICHAEL D. JOHNSON, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: 
Patricia J. Crittenden, Chief Deputy Clerk