

Resolution in Honor of Dr. Mary Elizabeth Stivers

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Stivers was Custodian of the File for 479 WPAFs collectively containing some 14,370 items (give or take 1,000, depending upon how you define an item); and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Stivers represented the administration on 87 grievances with the California Faculty Association without any opportunity to file her own grievance; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Stivers interviewed 541 candidates for tenure-line faculty positions and trained dozens of more-or-less-cooperative search committee members as Equal Opportunity Assistants, and then prayed that they wouldn't violate too many EEOC regulations; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Stivers trained seven Faculty Affairs Committee chairs and four provosts and kept smiling through each one's learning curve; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Stivers endured 92 Academic Senate meetings without (noticeably) falling asleep once; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Stivers clogged her inbox with hundreds of emails from sister campuses to get samples of dozens of their policies (not *all* of which were RTP); and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Stivers wrote the complete RTP standards document for the Family Studies Department in 5.5 minutes in a FAC meeting without apparently realizing that we have no such program on the university's academic plan; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Stivers helped select eight recipients of the Harry E. Brakebill Distinguished Professor Award and one recipient of the Wang Family Excellence Award without ever requesting a commission off the top of the prize money; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Stivers was one of the pioneers on the final frontier – the Space Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Stivers served as the administrator for the School of Nursing for two years, during which she was privy to stories liberally laced with gore, bodily functions, and all manner of excretions without once losing her lunch; and

WHEREAS, Even when Mary Elizabeth Stivers had the difficult job of checking facts and details and the unenviable task of delivering news that faculty and deans didn't want to hear and even when she had to negotiate the rocky straits of faculty-administration relations, she dispatched her duties with integrity and care, humor and humanity, and charm and an accent distinctly hers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of California State University San Marcos commends and thanks Dr. Mary Elizabeth Stivers for a decade of service and commitment to the good of the university; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of California State University San Marcos acknowledges that due to her contributions, Dr. Mary Elizabeth Stivers leaves Cal State San Marcos a stronger institution than the one she joined; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of California State University San Marcos wishes Dr. Mary Elizabeth Stivers every success in her new position as Provost of Grand View College.