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At its meeting of May 16, 2005, the Academic Senate passed the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Donoho for the Executive Committee.

**SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
HONORING AND THANKING DR. ANNETTE NELLEN FOR HER SERVICE TO
THE SENATE AND TO THE UNIVERSITY**

- Whereas, Dr. Annette Nellen has served as Chair of the Academic Senate of San Jose State University for the past two years, and
- Whereas, She has brought to the work of the Academic Senate a broad and deep knowledge of the university, along with excellent judgment, ethical behavior, fairness, honesty, and integrity, and
- Whereas, She served on and chaired nearly countless committees, boards and task forces; and
- Whereas, On April 27, 2005, Dr. Nellen received the Distinguished Service Award from San Jose State University, which is the highest distinction offered by the University President for service, and
- Whereas, President Kassing said her “distinguished record of service to the University is exemplary”, and
- Whereas, Under the Leadership of Chair Nellen, the Senate passed a record number of 66 resolutions, and
- Whereas, She has enhanced the collegial relationship that the Academic Senate enjoys with the university administration, and
- Whereas, She has consistently promoted pride in our University’s history, heritage and traditions and created a Heritage Preservation and Public History committee as a Special Agency to the Senate, and
- Whereas, She has actively promoted a culture of reading at San Jose State University, and
- Whereas, Dr. Nellen consistently promoted open communication and sharing of information, made herself a model of this by frequently emailing with the faculty

and established the Senate website to be an up-to-date primary source for senate related information, and

- Whereas, She was actively involved in developing a policy on Academic Integrity and instrumental in creating the first Academic Integrity Week, and
- Whereas, She was actively involved in developing a policy on Academic Freedom and instrumental in creating the first Academic freedom forum; and
- Whereas Dr. Nellen was the driving force behind the concept of a first year experience program, on the SJSU campus, called the Metropolitan University Scholars Experience (MUSE), and
- Whereas, She was the first director of MUSE, a highly effective first year experience for frosh students; and
- Whereas, She has been a strong promoter of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, and as a docent has introduced countless people including many school children to the library and its services, and
- Whereas, She has initiated and led a campus-wide discussion about what it means to be an Educated Citizen, with wide implications for all our programs, and
- Whereas, She has been a strong advocate for budget transparency and her work with the campus administration has resulted in the creation and institutionalization of the first Resource Planning Board, and
- Whereas She has taken an active role in efforts to develop a strategic planning process on campus, and
- Whereas, She has mentored Associated Student directors and improved their participation in joint governance, and
- Whereas, She has been especially mindful to promote principles of non- discrimination and inclusion, therefore be it
- Resolved, That the Academic Senate of San Jose State University congratulate, thank and commend Dr. Annette Nellen for exemplary leadership, and be it further
- Resolved, That the leadership and members of the Academic Senate move its work forward with the energy and commitment that Dr. Annette Nellen's leadership has inspired.