



California State University Maritime Academy Faculty Senate

Resolution 21-22/06

December 16, 2021

Vote (For/Against/Abstain): 18/0/0

Commendation for Senator Margot Hanson

- WHEREAS: Senator Margot Hanson has worked tirelessly to promote the core academic and CSU values of diversity, equity, and inclusion at Cal Maritime by taking actions including but not limited to: authoring statements for the Library and the Faculty Senate opposing hatred and supporting inclusion; preparing materials and displays to express support for and inclusion of every individual in the campus community; engaging in difficult conversations; and demonstrating personally and professionally the value of every human being; and
- WHEREAS: Senator Hanson has expanded opportunities for cultural and creative expression on campus, including but not limited to activities in the Makerspace, the Library, and the Maritime Film Festival, and she has also inspired others - students, staff, and faculty - to sustain these beyond her tenure at this University; and
- WHEREAS: Senator Hanson has been instrumental in initiating the bylaws revision to form the current Faculty Senate, including working to recruit faculty for drafting the new bylaws, securing funding for faculty time and effort, and building consensus towards better governance by the faculty of Cal Maritime; and
- WHEREAS: Senator Hanson has been an irreplaceable companion during new faculty orientation, started a Maritime Film Festival and secured a popcorn machine, and has strolled about campus in the afternoon. A superlative professional in every way, Senator Hanson is to be commended for her integrity, generosity, warmth, hilarity, and a wig collection that once inspired a fleet of trebuchets to rumble up to the waterfront; and
- WHEREAS: Senator Hanson has been instrumental in introducing, instructing and inspiring cadets and staff in the skill of knitting for a special Office of Community Engagement Service Project, while she herself has created many knitted masterpieces that she willingly and lovingly donated to unknown sailors through the International Maritime Center at the Port of Oakland; this gift of fiber artistry was shared during the fall semester of 2019, has continued each semester on Fiber Fridays, and will endure in her honor with the guidance of the Community Engagement Program Specialist, who holds Senator Hanson in the very highest regard; and

WHEREAS: Senator Hanson has served honorably as an emissary of information fluency in the city of Hai Phong, Vietnam, at the Vietnamese Maritime University, despite spotty or no internet signal; and may or may not have floated on her back in a swimming pool during an electrical storm; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hanson is beloved by countless students, faculty and staff for all of her teaching, scholarship, service, leadership, and tireless work in pursuit of justice and equity;

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of California State University Maritime Academy express its appreciation and gratitude for Senator Margot Hanson's eight-and-a-half years of service to the California Maritime Academy and to the principles of shared governance; and be it further

RESOLVED: Though it views her departure as a profound loss to the Senate, the Library, and this University, the Faculty Senate of California State University Maritime Academy wishes Senator Margot Hanson the very best and good luck in her role as Science Librarian at St. Mary's College of California; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be distributed to the campus community – students, staff, and faculty.