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SS-S25-4, Sense of the Senate Honoring and Thanking Dr. Karthika Sasikumar for her Service on the Senate

Whereas, Dr. Karthika Sasikumar stepped into the role of Senate Chair before the start of her formal term and has worked tirelessly to support and further shared governance on our campus, and

Whereas, during that time, Dr. Karthika Sasikumar has worked collaboratively with three University Presidents, providing continuity of leadership in shared governance, and

Whereas, Dr. Karthika Sasikumar supported the reorganization of the Academic Senate to include staff senators, and

Whereas Dr. Karthika Sasikumar worked with tremendous effort to rebuild and reconstitute senate documents and operations as aligned with our university policies, and strengthened the behind-the-scenes documentation of many, many senate activities, and

Whereas Dr. Karthika Sasikumar is the only senate chair in recent history who has worked without a Senate administrator, and

Whereas Dr. Karthika Sasikumar has shared her reflections, wit, and political science savvy with many senators and SJSU communities to guide process and practice, and

Whereas Dr. Karthika Sasikumar has preserved senate traditions around shared governance, but also expanded the focus of senate work and membership to be more inclusive of faculty, student, and especially staff voices, and

Whereas, Dr. Karthika Sasikumar, in her opening statements in Senate, generously shares her political science expertise and how global events relate to local matters, and

Whereas, Dr. Karthika Sasikumar has warmly welcomed new members and encouraged their active participation in Senate discussion and the sharing of disparate points of view, and

Whereas, Dr. Karthika Sasikumar has performed the duties of Senate Chair with tremendous grace and fortitude and a good amount of dry humor, and

Whereas, to the consternation of some and the joy of others, Dr. Karthika Sasikumar has brought healthy snacks to the Senate meetings, be it

Resolved, that the Academic Senate recognizes and applauds the diligent work of Dr. Karthika Sasikumar in retaining, discovering, and documenting the history of Senate process and procedure, thereby ensuring effective transition from Senate chair to Senate chair and consistency in policy and practice for years to come, and be it further

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of San José State University commends, honors, and thanks outgoing Chair Karthika Sasikumar for her leadership, mentorship, innovation, and guidance, which has left the Senate and shared governance on campus in a better place.