



Resolution Honoring Dr. John W. 'Jack' Bedell, Emeritus Professor of Sociology

Whereas Dr. John W. 'Jack' Bedell would be honored to know the Academic Senate started his resolution with "This is Huge!"; and

Whereas Dr. Bedell, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, first arrived on the California State University Fullerton campus more than fifty years ago after a cross-country road trip with his family and his six, that's right six, Siamese cats; and

Whereas Jack has served 26 years on the CSU Fullerton Academic Senate, served on the Statewide Academic Senate, and served as CSUF Academic Senate Chair an unprecedented seven times; and

Whereas Jack served multiple terms as a Department Chair in different departments and in different colleges and served in executive roles at CSUF and in the CSU; and

Whereas Jack was always working, sending out emails as early as 5 am and as late as 2 am, leading Executive Committee members to speculate when, if ever, he actually slept; and

Whereas Jack embodied Republican values and virtues while somehow promoting higher funding levels for education and the value of a liberal education; and

Whereas Jack improvised everything from simple statements to fully developed policies on the spot by saying "just thinking from the top of my bald spot"? and

Whereas Jack mentored countless faculty across all colleges as well as staff and administrators; and

Whereas Dr. Bedell shaped the current Department of Sociology to be progressive, student centered and collegial; and therefore, be it

Resolved that the Academic Senate, CSU Fullerton thanks and remembers Jack for his commitment to humor, collegial governance, civility, and having Senate Executive Committee cabinet meetings at all hours before the existence of Zoom; and be it further

Resolved that the Academic Senate, CSU Fullerton remains grateful for Jack keeping it classy and his legacy of civility and mentorship to staff, faculty, and administrators; and be it further

Resolved that the Academic Senate, CSU Fullerton, salutes Dr. Bedell for his service that is synonymous with The Fullerton Way; and be it further

Resolved that the Academic Senate, CSU Fullerton, will continue to answer emails sent from Dr. Bedell regardless of the hour they are sent; and be it finally

Resolved that the CSUF Academic Senate and Community will sorely miss Jack Bedell and will do our best to honor his legacy.