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**SS-S23-6, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring Dr. Alison McKee for Her Service to the Senate and the University**

**Legislative History:**

On May 8, 2023, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Vice Chair Sasikumar unanimously.

- Whereas, Dr. Alison McKee has honorably and loyally served on the Academic Senate of SJSU since Fall 2017 and served as Chair for two terms from 2021 to 2022 and 2022 to 2023; and
- Whereas, Chair McKee served on the Professional Standards Committee from 2017-2019; and
- Whereas, Chair McKee has grappled with controversial and complex issues during her tenure, addressing them with patience and good humor; and
- Whereas, Chair McKee has continued her service to the University and to the Senate through periods of serious illness, demonstrating her commitment to shared governance; and
- Whereas, Chair McKee has worked tirelessly behind-the-scenes for organizing complex agendas, coordinating the details, and prioritizing achievement goals with clear vision to manage each and every meeting effectively; and
- Whereas, Chair McKee has committed to be actively engaging with and supporting Senators by offering ample consultation, guidance, and mentorship; and
- Whereas, Chair McKee displays exceptional openness and forthrightness with regard to her own life's adversities and the lessons other might draw from them; and

Whereas, Chair McKee makes it a point at the start of Senate meetings to publicly draw attention to matters that others do not (e.g. Women's History Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month); and

Whereas, Chair McKee is the very model of thoughtful and inclusive communication, helping others with their communication tone, outreach, and even late-night editing; and

Whereas, Chair McKee has helped maintain the senate traditions, activities, and outreach at a time when the campus has had shifts in leadership and as it navigates the 'new normal' post-COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, For all the above-mentioned reasons and many more, the Senate wishes to commend Senator and Chair McKee; so be it

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of San José State University wish Chair Alison McKee all the very best in her well-deserved retirement and hope it is filled with lovely books, food, travel, and, of course, films; and be it further

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of San José State University commend, honor, and thank Chair Alison McKee for her many years of inspiration, leadership, encouragement, support, and guidance to senators and people all around SJSU.