



Academic Senate

Solano Community College

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RESOLUTION 5.14.2018-2: Honoring Kenneth Wilson Williams

WHEREAS, Ken Williams' commitment to horticulture and to the horticulture club has impassioned community members and students, enticing them to come to the college to learn about growing plants through his teachings, workshops, and talks, even while suffering through volunteer weekends of weed pulling, eating sodium-nitrate tainted hot dogs, and bearing the burden of courteous laughter at numerous poor puns and bad jokes;

WHEREAS, Ken William's tireless advocacy for the Solano Community College Horticulture Program resulted in the transformation of SCC's best kept secret into a gathering hub which celebrates local produce and botanical delights to the benefit of all the community;

WHEREAS, the year of Ken Williams' birth—the Chinese year of the fire dog which promises bold leadership and charismatic charm—has, on many an auspicious occasion, unlocked the gates for new and future gardeners;

WHEREAS, Ken Williams' willingness to teach by example, to allow for experimentation, and to applaud both successes and failures, has enabled horticulture club members and students alike to learn by applying theory to practice, even when the results might be a fruit orchard that looks as if Edward Scissorhands had a heat stroke and went into a blind, pruning frenzy;

WHEREAS, Ken Williams regularly accommodated the library staff in their consistently late purchases of holiday garlands and wreaths, all while reminding Erin Duane of Sam Elliott's character in the Big Lebowski, and yes, the dude abides;

WHEREAS, Ken Williams' reliability and good-nature made for a careful shepherd of the Distinguished Faculty Selection Committee for many years;

WHEREAS, Ken Williams could always be counted on to share M&Ms at Senate and consistently sat two seats away from Janene Whitesell;

WHEREAS, Ken Williams has never met a plant he didn't like;

WHEREAS, Ken Williams' dedication to the Academic Senate as the Math and Science representative as a model senator and representative signifies profound service to Solano Community College;

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Solano Community College wish Professor Kenneth Wilson Williams an ever-green retirement in the company of his friends and family.

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