



## *Resolution in Honor of Dr. Gangadharappa Nanjundappa*

September 13, 2007

- Whereas** Dr. Gangadharappa Nanjundappa ("Nanjun"), Professor of Sociology, joined the faculty of California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) in 1972 and served with dedication for 35 years; and
- Whereas** Dr. Nanjundappa was an author of 13 journal articles or book chapters and over 45 scholarly presentations delivered at conferences across the U.S. and in 7 other countries; and
- Whereas** Dr. Nanjundappa served on the committee to form the CSUF Women's Studies Program and on the Women's Studies Program board for 8 years; and
- Whereas** Dr. Nanjundappa served actively and with dedication on the CSUF Academic Senate from 1994 until his untimely passing on September 3, 2007; and
- Whereas** Dr. Nanjundappa spearheaded too many initiatives to enumerate during his years on the Academic Senate, including amending the Constitution to include part-time faculty on the senate and initiating resolutions on system funding of faculty salary increases in the new contract (2007), providing laptops to part-time faculty (2007), restoring faculty summer salaries (2006), increasing faculty hiring and closing the faculty salary gap (2005), implementing a faculty salary equity program (2005), and supporting language in the state budget regarding CSU funding (2003); and
- Whereas** Dr. Nanjundappa served on the CSUF Faculty Affairs Committee since 1994, was appointed faculty representative on the ASI Inc. Board of Directors from 1996-99, served on the ad hoc Committee on Student Ratings from 2004-06, authored 4 articles for the *Senate Forum*, provided thorough review and thoughtful revisions to a vast number of university policies, and perhaps holds the record for the greatest number of announcements made at senate meetings; and
- Whereas** Dr. Nanjundappa served as membership chair for three years and was subsequently elected president of California Faculty Association (CFA) Fullerton Chapter 7 consecutive times between 1995 and 2007; and
- Whereas** Dr. Nanjundappa served in several statewide CFA positions, including the CFA Statewide Board for 10 years, Associate Vice-President-South for 5 years, as well as the Contract Development and Bargaining Strategy Committee ("CDBS" for those "in the know"), Bargaining Team, Membership Chair; and
- Whereas** Dr. Nanjundappa served on the Post-Secondary Education Subgroup of the Finance and Facilities Working Group established by the California Legislature in 2001-02; and
- Whereas** Dr. Nanjundappa gave his personal time across his tenure as Chapter President to represent our campus by traveling to countless CFA board meetings in "the north" and "the south" and dialing into regular evening conference calls; and
- Whereas** Dr. Nanjundappa tirelessly supported faculty colleagues during their times of crisis and stress, advocated consistently for high-quality learning conditions for students and improved working conditions for faculty, did his best to organize faculty (described by others as trying to "herd cats"), coordinated the development and analysis of a survey on the Quality of CSUF as a Workplace for Faculty (2006), and promoted a collegial working relationship between CFA and CSU administration; and
- Whereas** Dr. Nanjundappa required a constant supply of Tabasco sauce to make American foods more palatable; and
- Whereas** Dr. Nanjundappa internationalized our education by sharing foods from his homeland on a regular basis, including garlic naan, poori, chana, palak paneer, various curries, tandoori chicken, fresh coconut, assorted lentils, chai, and rice; therefore be it
- Resolved** that the Academic Senate, CSU Fullerton proclaims that Dr. Gangadharappa Nanjundappa contributed significantly to the mission and goals of CSUF; and be it further
- Resolved** that the Academic Senate, CSU Fullerton declares that Dr. Gangadharappa Nanjundappa championed high-quality conditions for students and faculty at CSUF and in the CSU system in a civil and collegial manner; and be it further
- Resolved** that Nanjun brought his own kind of spice to our senate meetings and will be greatly missed by his senate colleagues and the larger Titan family.

*Academic Senate approved 9-13-07*