

Faculty Senate Resolution Recognizing the Service of Joan Gosnell to the SMU Faculty

Whereas the Southern Methodist University Library and the SMU community lost a valued member and historian on September 11, 2024, with the passing of University Archivist Joan Gosnell;

Whereas the SMU institution lost the keeper of the SMU Faculty Senate's history as well as our University's greater institutional memory, the SMU Faculty Senate recognizes the contributions of Ms. Gosnell;

Whereas Ms. Gosnell was actively working on documenting the SMU Faculty's Senate's history as directed by the SMU Faculty President as just one of many ongoing projects in which she assisted and inspired scholars both past and present to reach heights they would have never reached without her tenacity in finding primary, secondary and tertiary resources;

Whereas, Ms. Gosnell's dedication served our Faculty Senate in ongoing research and archiving as a small but important part of her role of serving SMU and its other constituents extending beyond our library walls, contributing to a legacy of unbridled research; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Joan Gosnell is hereby honored and remembered for her efforts to document and transfer knowledge related to the SMU Faculty Senate that reflected her tireless service, unending efforts, and enduring contributions to the field of librarianship and the documentation and archiving of SMU's Faculty Senate and the broader campus' history; and that be it

Further Resolved, that we extend our deepest condolences to Joan Gosnell's family, Mr. Craig Reynolds, Joan's friends, and an amazing array of colleagues, recognizing the profound loss we all feel and yet celebrating the enduring impact of her life and work; and that be it

Finally Resolved, that as we see the rising of SMU's new library facility, we ensure that Ms. Gosnell's legacy and spirit of service is either tangibly or intangibly found within its walls and that the continuation of the documenting and preservation of our Faculty Senate's past, present and future will be conducted with her high standards.

Adopted this 2 day of October 2024.