Welcoming Father Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J. as the 28th President of the University of San Francisco
Resolution 14-15-01

Whereas: Being ordained to priesthood in St. Ignatius Church on October 11, 1992, Father Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J. has a special connection with the University of San Francisco; and

Whereas: He has extensive experience in higher education, working more than twenty years and has served at institutions such as: Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Fairfield University in Connecticut, Dean and Senior Associate for the College of Arts and Sciences at Santa Clara University, and a member of the Board of Trustees at both Loyola University Chicago and Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles; and

Whereas: Earning a Diplôme des Études Approfondies and a Docteur ès Lettres in the Sociology of Religion at the University of Paris - La Sorbonne, as well as, a Pontifical Doctorate in ecclesiology from the Institut Catholique de Paris, Father Fitzgerald has developed a global perspective that he brings to the university to connect with and support the diverse population; and

Whereas: He believes that San Francisco is becoming a vibrant center for startups and venture capital and that USF can be at the heart of the story and help steer the direction of change for good in the city; and

Whereas: Father Fitzgerald makes it a priority that he will practice budgetary restraint and fiscal discipline in order to invest in new degree programs and grow USF’s endowment; and

Whereas: When asked about Father Fitzgerald, Board of Trustee Member Chuck Smith said, “He brings impressive experience in connecting with the business community, in fundraising, and in strategic planning”; and

Whereas: Believing there is no place more joyful than being in the classroom, Father Fitzgerald plans to teach a course a year here at the USF to allow him to keep in touch with students; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Associated Students of the University of San Francisco Senate: The ASUSF Senate affirms the Board of Trustees' selection of Father Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J. to be the university's 28th president and we welcome him to our campus.

Submitted by: Nick Fragoso, College of Arts and Sciences Representative

Supported by:

Signed on this day, 16 September 2014:

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Eva Long
ASUSF Senate President