In Recognition of USF’s Provost, Jennifer Turpin
Resolution 14-15-04

Whereas: Jennifer Turpin, Ph.D. has dedicated over twenty years of service to the University of San Francisco and is transitioning from her position of Academic Vice President and Provost to return to the faculty, to teaching, research and service; and

Whereas: Dr. Turpin’s impressive, published academia in the causes and consequences of violence, the role of gender in warfare, the sociology of the Cold War, and the impact of Russian media on the dissolution of the former Soviet Union has been used to engage students and the USF community alike to be global citizens; and

Whereas: Dr. Turpin has an extensive record of scholarship including her book Reinventing the Soviet Self (Praeger), her co-edited books The Web of Violence (University of Illinois Press), The Women and War Reader (NYU Press), The Gendered New World Order (Routledge), Rethinking Peace (Lynne Rienner), and the 3-volume Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace and Conflict (Academic Press), and numerous articles, book chapters, and papers at professional meetings; and

Whereas: In her years at USF, she has served as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Associate Dean for the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Founder of Women’s Studies Program, and Chair of the Sociology Department; and

Whereas: In her role as Dean of Arts and Sciences from 2003-2010, the College experienced significant growth in enrollment, recruitment of stellar new faculty, and dramatic improvements in academic facilities, especially Kalmanovitz Hall and Lo Schiavo Science Center; and

Whereas: Dr. Turpin became Academic Vice President and Provost on June 1, 2010, and as Provost she integrated Student Life into the umbrella of Academic Affairs, recruited an impressive team of Deans and Associate Provosts, and launched new academic programs in all five schools; and

Whereas: She has chaired the committee for the search of quality faculty members and administrators such as Dean Judy Karshmer, and has lead recruiting efforts for Deans Marcelo Camperi, Elizabeth Davis, Kevin Kumashiro, and John Trasvina, as well as Vice Provosts Carol Batker, Jeff Hamrick, Shirley McGuire, Peter Novak, Bob Spatig, Mary Wardell-Ghiraduzzi, and Michael Webber; and

Whereas: She has led the development of the Center for Academic and Student Achievement (CASA), the Center for Institutional Planning and Effectiveness (CIPE), the Office of Diversity Engagement and Community Outreach (DECO), the establishment of the Diversity Visiting Scholar Program, the Office of Contracts and Grants (OCG), the Office of Assessment and Accreditation Support; the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE); the Division of Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM); and

Whereas: Dr. Turpin as led exciting developments for Online and Technology Driven Education and contributed to the development of the education to student beyond the Hilltop campus through the Branch Campuses and Executive Education office; and
Whereas: She has modeled advocating for the mission of the University through the creation of the President’s Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (PACSW), of which she was a founding member to be of support for women across the University; and

Whereas: Since becoming Provost, she has been named as one of the Most Influential Women in the Bay Area by the San Francisco Business Times for the past three years and as a Girl Scouts Forever Green Honoree; and

Whereas: As an administrator, she has served on a Western Association for Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation team and as program reviewer for institutions such as the Catholic University of Ecuador and the University of Limerick in Ireland; and

Whereas: She is passionate about Jesuit education and USF’s unique role in the academy and society and during her time at USF, she received USF’s Distinguished Teaching Award and the College Service Award; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Associated Students of San Francisco Senate, representing all the undergraduate students of the University: We gratefully recognize the immeasurable service and contributions of Dr. Turpin and thank her for her continued dedication and care for students and the greater University of San Francisco community.

Submitted by: Eva Long, ASUSF President

Signed on this day, 7 April 2015:

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Eva Long
ASUSF Senate President