

A Resolution of the Faculty Senate
at California State University, Northridge
Honoring
Provost Harry Hellenbrand
May 7, 2015

Whereas Harry Hellenbrand has rendered spectacular service to California State University, Northridge, by serving as Provost for the last number of years;

Whereas he has during that time singlehandedly cornered the San Fernando Valley market on chocolate in its various edible forms;

Whereas he has also served as the Prince of Puns, the King of Acronyms, and the Grand Master of Short-Form Email Replies;

Whereas his wide-ranging collection of t-shirts, worn with grace and abandon (and also often with a hat) is without peer in the known world;

Whereas he has accomplished astonishing feats of shared governance while variously standing, lounging, and (from time to time) lying down on the floor of this Senate;

Whereas he has written dozens of fabulously accurate and often hilarious (when not grief-inducing) accounts of the state of higher education in California, with such titles as “Heart of Dumbness,” “This is no country for the young,” “Fees, Killer Rabbits, and Clickers,” “Groundhog Meets Feezilla,” “Humpty Dumpty: Can We Put CSU Together?” “Why Tuition Is a Four-Letter Word in California,” and “In the Midst of Whirling Snow and Blinding Mist: Willing a Road to Happiness for the University”; and

Whereas his writing has been ornamented brilliantly by strategic use of fonts, colors, pictures, tables, charts, graphs, and literary allusions both obscure and well-known;

Now therefore be it resolved:

that the dudes and dudettes of the Faculty Senate do hereby bestow upon Harry Hellenbrand their formal “vg!!!” for this work; and

Be it further resolved:

that he understand that this is not all we could say on this piece. But we’ll stop here. Any questions?

