

**Resolution of Appreciation for Dean Susan Curzon  
From the Faculty Senate of California State University, Northridge,  
On the Occasion of Her Retirement  
(Approved by Faculty Senate, December 9, 2010)**

*Whereas* **Dr. Susan Curzon** has served this campus since 1992 as Dean of the Library; and

*Whereas* the 1994 Northridge Earthquake provided her with a completely unanticipated opportunity to shine as a leader in campus reconstruction, to wit:

The east and west wings were built as steel frame structures to be more earthquake resistant. However, the earthquake instead gave engineers an education about the performance of steel frame buildings in quakes. Severe structural damage to the wings during the earthquake eventually led to demolition and rebuilding of the wings. Four-inch thick steel base plates cracked where the four-story high vertical steel structural columns came into the foundations of the wings. (Reconstruction was completed during the summer of 2000. The wings were reoccupied approximately six and one half years after the earthquake)<sup>i</sup>; and

*Whereas* **Dean Curzon** did in fact shine as a leader in post-earthquake campus recovery, essentially remaking the library to include such things as the Presentation Room in which we are now seated as well as greatly enhanced library instructional space and study space; and

*Whereas* **Dean Curzon** continued to assess and improve Delmar T. Oviatt Library in a multitude of ways in subsequent years, for example by improving access, implementing extensive information competence programs, fostering an emphasis on patron instruction for library faculty, protecting and preserving the library's collection, and overseeing the expansion of library resources into the digital realm; and

*Whereas* her guidance and vision have equipped the library to implement new scholarly technologies and have allowed students, staff, and faculty to conduct more and better research, and also enabled campus and community friends of the library to benefit from expansive and expanded public display and gallery space; and

*Whereas* her leadership helped establish a library information science degree program on our campus; therefore be it

*Resolved:* that the Faculty Senate of California State University, Northridge, commend **Dean Curzon** for her eighteen years of service to the university community; and be it further

*Resolved:* that the Faculty Senate congratulate **Dean Curzon** on her retirement, notwithstanding the fact that we wish she could remain here with us for another eighteen years; and be it finally

*Resolved:* that a copy of this Resolution be presented to **Dean Curzon**, and preserved in the formal Minutes of the Faculty Senate.

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<sup>i</sup> "Oviatt Library Earthquake Damage." <http://library.csun.edu/About/Quake> Web. Accessed 29 Nov 2010.