



## Resolution 26-03 Honoring Neli Gonzalez-Diaz

Woodland Community College Academic Senate

Whereas, Neli Gonzalez-Diaz has dedicated 20 years of service to Woodland Community College, first as an EOPS Specialist and then as a TRIO Counselor; and

Whereas, Neli dedicated decades of service to TRIO: the federal programs designed to open doors of educational opportunity for first-generation and low-income students; demonstrating an unwavering commitment to equity and economic advancement for some of our most vulnerable and deserving students; and

Whereas, Neli made it her practice to truly listen to her students, becoming a trusted guide for students who came to her for both academic and life advice, checking in on them personally during difficult times and ensuring no one felt unseen or unsupported; and

Whereas, Neli took great pride in her students' accomplishments, never missing an opportunity to celebrate and brag about their successes; and

Whereas, Neli coordinated events that brought students together and fostered community, including the beloved end-of-year TRIO graduation celebration, a cherished tradition featuring a historic boat ride on the Sacramento River and a dinner honoring student achievement; and

Whereas, Neli has been a trusted colleague known for her openness, honesty, and willingness to offer thoughtful personal and professional advice to those around her;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Senate recognizes Neli for her 20 years of dedicated service, her deep commitment to student success, and her lasting impact on the WCC community; and

Therefore, be it further resolved, that the Senate wishes Neli a well-deserved and joyful retirement filled with travel experiences and lots of quality time with her beloved family.

Adopted by acclamation on May 1, 2026.

Signed on behalf of the 2025-26 WCCAS by Aree Metz, Senate President