



Resolution 26-04 Honoring Cay Strode

Woodland Community College Academic Senate

Whereas, Cay Strode has dedicated over 20 years to Woodland Community College as an English professor, joining the institution before it even became a college and helping to shape it into what it is today; and

Whereas, Cay's sections always filled first because students knew what to expect from her: a caring instructor with a gift for breaking down complex reading, writing, and research tasks into manageable and engaging steps, and a passionate educator who made every student feel genuinely seen and supported, both in the classroom and through her feedback; and

Whereas, Cay has been a dedicated and involved mentor to both full-time and part-time faculty, known for personal check-ins, offering generous and supportive feedback, and sharing resources with enthusiasm; and

Whereas, as a colleague, Cay has always been a collaborative and unwavering supporter of department and college initiatives, including the transitions to AB 705 and AB 1705, the English Community of Practice, department and discipline events, curriculum updates, and program review; and

Whereas, Cay's commitment to improving student outcomes translated into her service to the college as Faculty Chair of the Student Success Committee and as lead of the LGBTQIA+ Work Group, championing equity, inclusion, and community through initiatives such as the LGBTQIA+ Film Series; and

Whereas, Cay is the visionary behind the annual Eagles Welcome, a summer bridge program whose student retention outcomes far surpass the college average, serving as a testament to her belief that welcoming students with warmth and intention has a profound impact on success; and

Whereas, in her quiet but profound way, Cay changed the college by fostering a genuine sense of belonging in students and colleagues alike, modeling for all of us what it truly means to be present, encouraging, and kind, and making every day working and learning alongside her a good day;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Senate recognizes Professor Strode for her more than 20 years of extraordinary teaching, mentorship, and leadership and her lasting contributions to WCC; and

Therefore, be it further resolved, that the Senate wishes Professor Strode a joyful and well-deserved retirement filled with lots of time with Mike and Ben, many trips to Hawaii, and at long last, all the recreational reading time she could ever want.

Adopted by acclamation on May 1, 2026.

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