

**ACADEMIC SENATE  
OF  
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-3392-19/Northridge Delegation  
May 16-17, 2019

**COMMENDATION FOR SENATOR ADAM SWENSON**

- WHEREAS,** Senator Swenson began his academic career at the University of California Los Angeles in 1999, graduating Summa cum laude in earning his B.A. degree in Japanese and Philosophy; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Swenson attended Rutgers University, earning his Ph.D. in Philosophy, in 2006, while also serving as a Teaching Assistant and Adjunct Professor; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Swenson has been affiliated with the faculty at multiple universities, including Rutgers, Shanghai Normal and California State University Northridge (CSUN), where at the latter institution holds his current position of full professor; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Swenson has taught and carried out research on a myriad of topics, particularly relevant for today's society, ranging from Ethical Theory, Today's Moral Issues, the Meaning of Life, Love, Personhood and Sexual Morality, Introduction to Logic, and particularly relevant, classes and research on the Philosophy of Pain; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Swenson has been actively involved in faculty governance while at CSUN, having served on multiple task forces, search and reviews committees, awards and commencement ceremonies, and external events such as the GI 2025 Launch and AAC&U centennial Symposium; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Swenson has been a member of the CSUN Faculty Senate since 2011 where he has been on the Senate Executive Committee, serving as Vice President from 2014-2015, and President of the Faculty Senate from 2015-2018; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Swenson has elevated that service to the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) where he has been a representative of CSUN since 2013, serving on the Faculty Affairs Standing Committee, the Accessible Technology Initiative Leadership Council, Advisory Committee on Services for Students with Disabilities, and the search committee for

Associate Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management;  
and

**WHEREAS,** Senator Swenson more recently has served in the position of ASCSU parliamentarian in providing knowledge about, and establishing relevance of, such esoteric topics as tertiary amendments, tabling vs. referring, and rights and restrictions of the “committee of the whole”, and

**WHEREAS,** We know Senator Swenson will miss his work at the Chancellor’s Office but more importantly his ASCSU Metrolink journeys from North Hollywood to Long Beach and the associated Lime Bicycle rides to the Chancellor’s Office combining, by his own admission, the best of a commute and workout, and

**WHEREAS,** Senator Swenson has, more importantly, been a friend, colleague and sounding board to all members, especially those who have represented CSUN in the ASCSU, during both difficult and challenging times; now therefore; be it

**RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU commend and thank Senator Swenson on his commitment to service in this Academic Senate; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU offer its best wishes to Senator Swenson for happiness and success in all his future endeavors.

**Approved by Acclamation – May 16-17, 2019**