



**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR DEPUTY PROVOST TERESA MURPHY  
(21/8)**

**WHEREAS,** Teresa Murphy has served with great distinction on the Faculty of The George Washington University since 1992 and has left her present role on 1 July 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** as a Professor of American Studies, as Chair of the Department of American Studies, as Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, and as Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs since 2016, Teresa Murphy has displayed extraordinary wisdom, perseverance, kindness, good humor, and leadership in all of these important offices, provided an infusion of GW rationale and understanding, consistently wanted to understand an issue before acting, and commanded the trust of the faculty because of her transparent and collaborative style which impartially called out flawed arguments by faculty and administrative officials alike; and

**WHEREAS,** as Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Teresa Murphy helped its merger with the Corcoran College of Arts and Design; and

**WHEREAS,** as Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs, Teresa Murphy has led the effort to develop a general curriculum that is now used by all of GW's residential undergraduate colleges; and

**WHEREAS,** as Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs, Teresa Murphy played a central role in the 2018 Middle States Commission on Higher Education re-accreditation; and

**WHEREAS,** as Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs, Teresa Murphy has collaborated closely with the Faculty Senate in formulating a cornucopia of University policies, all of which have had a very positive impact on the University; and

**WHEREAS,** as Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs, Teresa Murphy has been instrumental in coordinating and leading both the rapid transition to online learning in Spring 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the exhaustive planning and preparations for hybrid or online teaching in Fall 2020, in both of which her steady hand, knowledge of the inner workings of GW, and relationship of trust with the faculty was a unique asset; and

**WHEREAS,** Teresa Murphy's many contributions in promoting the benefits of effective shared governance between the Faculty and the Administration which, while also engendering a spirit of good will and cooperation, will serve as an enduring model of exemplary University administration at GW; and

**WHEREAS,** Teresa Murphy has earned the highest level of respect, gratitude, and admiration among the Faculty and the entire University community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE  
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

That the Faculty Senate hereby acknowledges and expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to Teresa Murphy for her devoted and highly effective service to the Faculty and the University.

That this Resolution of Appreciation be appropriately inscribed and conveyed to Teresa Murphy, with a copy to be included in the official minutes of the 17 July 2020 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

**THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HEREBY  
EXPRESSES ITS DEEPEST ADMIRATION, APPRECIATION, AND GRATITUDE TO  
DEPUTY PROVOST TERESA MURPHY FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND  
LEADERSHIP**

Adopted by Acclamation  
July 17, 2020

Arthur Wilson, Chair  
Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate