RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, OFFICE OF DISTANCE LEARNING AND FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS: Texas State University abruptly shifted all classes to remote learning in March, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS: The majority of faculty and students had never taken an online or remote learning class; and

WHEREAS: The Division of Information Technology (DOIT) rapidly deployed personnel, software, and hardware resources; and

WHEREAS: The Office of Distance and Extended Learning (ODEL) provided numerous training opportunities and resources for faculty in both synchronous and asynchronous formats; and

WHEREAS: Faculty Development created and delivered multiple training classes, assembled and made available numerous resources to support faculty, and provided personal consultation options; and

WHEREAS: The expertise and responsiveness of these units enabled the university to successfully complete spring 2020 classes.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of Texas State University commend staff in the Division of Information Technology, the Office of Distance and Extended Learning, and Faculty Development for their timely preparation and extraordinary response in this emergent situation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of Texas State University recognizes, thanks, and appreciates the dedication, professionalism, and patience bestowed upon faculty and students during this emergent situation.

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