



## **Resolution S2025.04**

### **Honoring Dr. Jodi Coffman with an Honorary Distinguished Faculty Award**

**Moved: Dr. Merari Weber**

**Seconded: Susan Hoang**

Whereas, Santa Ana College mourns the loss of Dr. Jodi Coffman, a beloved faculty member, counselor, coach, colleague, and friend whose service to our campus community spanned 24 years; and

Whereas, Dr. Coffman began her tenure at Santa Ana College in 2000 as Head Women's Soccer Coach and Assistant Professor in the Exercise Science, Health, and Athletics Department, earning accolades including Orange Empire Conference Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, in 2014, Dr. Coffman transitioned to the role of full-time Counselor, where she dedicated herself wholeheartedly to student success, mentoring, academic and career guidance, serving as an Athletics Counselor for student-athletes and as the lead Counselor for SAC's online degree pathways; and

Whereas, Dr. Coffman was an engaged leader on campus, having served on the Academic Senate, as a Department Chair for both Kinesiology and Counseling, and as a contributor to numerous college initiatives including Distance Education, Open Educational Resources, Professional Development, and a founding member of the Intersectionality, Race, and Social Justice Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, Dr. Coffman was twice nominated and selected as a finalist for the Santa Ana College Distinguished Faculty Award in 2006 and 2009, a testament to her excellence in teaching, counseling, leadership, and community service; and

Whereas, Dr. Coffman positively impacted the lives of countless students, faculty, staff, and administrators with her uplifting spirit, thoughtfulness, playful humor, compassion, treating all people with love and kindness, and unwavering dedication to student success;

Be it resolved, that the Santa Ana College Academic Senate posthumously honors Dr. Jodi Coffman with an **Honorary Distinguished Faculty Award**, recognizing her lasting contributions, tireless advocacy for students, and the indelible legacy she leaves on the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing and working with her.

Be it further resolved, that this award be presented to Dr. Coffman's family during the SAC Awards for Excellence Ceremony on May 15, 2025, as a symbol of the deep respect, love and appreciation held for her across the Santa Ana College community.

**Presented by Dr. Steve Bautista on April 22, 2025**

**Approved by Acclamation on April 22, 2025**