

6.3 Resolutions of Appreciation and Recognition of Outgoing Senators**Action Item #1:****Resolution of Appreciation:****Vice President for Student Affairs James R. Kitchen****May 7, 2013**

Whereas James R. Kitchen, Vice President for Student Affairs, will retire after thirteen years of outstanding service to San Diego State University (SDSU); and

Whereas Dr. Kitchen came to SDSU after distinguished service (including as a basketball coach) at the University of Kansas, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and St. Cloud State University; and

Whereas SDSU President Elliot Hirshman has praised Dr. Kitchen not only for his commitment to students, but also for his dedication to making SDSU a premier institution; and

Whereas Dr. Kitchen has nurtured students and played a key role in developing and implementing strategies that encourage student success; and

Whereas Dr. Kitchen has tirelessly advocated for diversity at SDSU and has in particular encouraged young African American men to succeed at SDSU and beyond; and

Whereas Dr. Kitchen has served as an effective *ex-officio* member of the University Senate throughout his tenure at SDSU; and

Whereas Dr. Kitchen has served his profession through his active participation in the American College Personnel Association, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, the National Academic Advising Association, and the National Association of Athletic Academic Advisors; and

Whereas Dr. Kitchen is a U. S. Army veteran who was awarded a Purple Heart during the Vietnam War. Dr. Kitchen has also frequently received leadership awards for his service to students and the university, including more than one that has been named for him; and

Whereas Dr. Kitchen will retire from SDSU this summer but plans to stay involved with the university through work with athletics, student leadership and other strategic initiatives.

Therefore be it resolved, that the University Senate of San Diego State University hereby expresses its sincere and grateful appreciation for James R. Kitchen's dedicated service to SDSU and congratulates him on his well-earned retirement.