

Whereas Provost and Interim Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, Susan R. Wentz, has exhibited exceptional courage and unfailing resolve in the execution of her many and varied duties during this academic year,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Vanderbilt Faculty Senate commends her for her embodiment of the spirit and mission of our institution and her demonstration of commitment to her guiding principles of Teamwork, Trust, and Transparency through the following displays of peerless leadership and example:

- 1) For actively engaging faculty and staff through the WAVE initiative in careful examination of ways that institutional policy, practice and culture challenge Vanderbilt's commitment to gender equity.
- 2) For building and prominently featuring a diverse and outstanding administrative team to support students and faculty in achieving their learning, teaching, and research undertakings in the most successful and creative ways possible.
- 3) For hosting a world-class slate of Chancellor's Lecture Series guests which engendered vigorous and civil campus dialogues, and for partnering with the Faculty Senate in continuing and amplifying these dialogues in subsequent Community Conversations.
- 4) For leveraging and creating faculty and student opportunities for interdisciplinary and collaborative research and learning with initiatives such as the establishment of the University Arts Council and co-hosting a town hall with the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine.
- 5) For continuing to challenge students to pursue innovative avenues of discovery and development beyond the classroom and beyond their primary areas of specialty.
- 6) For being a dedicated partner of the Faculty Senate in our special commitment to community and civility by engaging with our leadership in open regular communication, supporting the DEI committee's unconscious bias training motion, and encouraging our Faculty Senate recognition of exemplary staff as part of "I am Vanderbilt".
- 7) For coordinating leadership including the Board of Trust, the incoming chancellor, faculty, and administration in planning for our future in a way that balances our wellbeing, our mission, and our fiscal needs.

THE FACULTY SENATE OF VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY honors Susan R. Wentz, Provost and Interim Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, for inspiring teamwork through her principled leadership and for building trust through a practice of transparent partnership with the faculty, staff, and students of Vanderbilt University in our mutual quest to create an environment of intellectual freedom that supports open inquiry, equality, compassion, and excellence in all endeavors.