Faculty Senate Resolution in Honor of the School for Professional and Extended Studies (SPExS)

May 5, 2021

Whereas SPExS was created to expand and extend the profile of American University in 2012 with significant successes in domestically and internationally;

Whereas through Deans, faculty and staff SPExS enlarged its profile as an important contributor to American University's community through its work on committees and councils as a valued partner;

Whereas under the leadership and self-governance of SPExS represented the excellence of teaching and service to diverse communities—traditional, non-traditional and marginalized;

Whereas as SPExS programs: such as Washington Semester Program broadened perspectives to include sustainability, strategic communications along with programming for underclass students including GAP and Mentorship;

Whereas English Language and Training Academy launched to prepare non- native English speakers with academic English instruction with students who hailed from around the world such as a Nobel Prize recipient;

Whereas Graduate Professional Studies introduced niche graduate instruction with a pedagogical focus on project-based learning in areas including Evaluation, Human Resources, Sports Management and Healthcare Management;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate, on behalf of the faculty of American University, commends the School of Professional and Extended Studies leadership, faculty, staff and students; expresses its appreciation for their valued contributions that will continue through the University; declares that American University is a better place to study, teach, and work because of their efforts; and wishes every success to the entire SPExS community through their continued efforts at American University and beyond.