

**CAL POLY HUMBOLDT**  
**University Senate**

**Sense of the Senate Resolution in Memoriam:**  
**Bernadette Cheyne (1949-2023),**  
**Past CSU Faculty Trustee & Humboldt Academic Senate Chair**  
08-23/24 - ERFSA and Senate Executive — November 28, 2023

**WHEREAS:** Bernadette Cheyne served for more than 20 years as a Professor of Theatre Arts at Humboldt State University (HSU); and

**WHEREAS:** Bernadette Cheyne educated hundreds of students in acting, directing, vocal production, dialects, as well as theatre history, theory, and criticism; and

**WHEREAS:** Bernadette Cheyne was passionate about theatre and was honored for her accomplishments via two Kennedy Center awards that “recognized her extraordinary contributions to the teaching and producing of theatre;” and

**WHEREAS:** Bernadette Cheyne was heavily involved and excelled in academic politics having served on the HSU Senate from 1993-2011, [Chair 1999-2001], on the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) from 2004-2011, as the CSU Faculty Trustee from 2011-2013, on the CSU-ERFSA Executive Committee from 2021-2023, as well as many, many committees including as Chair of the Faculty Rights Committee of the Humboldt Chapter of the California Faculty Association; and

**WHEREAS:** Bernadette Cheyne, after retiring in 2013, was a beloved member of the Humboldt-Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association (ERFSA) Executive Committee; and

**WHEREAS:** Bernadette Cheyne thoughtfully and eloquently engaged in dialogue across many higher education public forums and will be remembered as representing the faculty and her own deep commitment to shared governance with collegiality, grace, and conviction; and

**WHEREAS:** Bernadette Cheyne continued to serve our community as a childrens’ mentor through the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program; a juror, foreperson, and trainer for the Humboldt County Grand Jury; and as an actor and director with the Redwood Curtain Theater; and

**WHEREAS:** Bernadette Cheyne passed away on October 30, 2023 at the age of 74; be it therefore

**RESOLVED,** That the University Senate of Cal Poly Humboldt posthumously honors Bernadette Cheyne for her service to the campus, University Senate, and the California State University; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the University Senate wishes Bernadette Cheyne a peaceful rest, and offers sincere condolences to her family and friends who miss her dearly.

**Approved by Acclamation on November 28, 2023**

*This resolution draws partially from an obituary that appeared on November 16, 2023 in the Lost Coast Outpost.*