

From: The Faculty Senate
To: Turquessa Francis
Re: Proclamation of Gratitude and Commendation
Date of First Reading: May 12, 2026
Action: Second reading waived; passed by acclamation

Proclamation of Gratitude and Commendation

WHEREAS, Dr. Turquessa P. Francis of the Department of Rehabilitation Science was elected Secretary of the Faculty Senate and served a two-year term in that role from 2024 to 2026; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Francis exemplified excellence in the role of Senate Secretary, faithfully attending meetings, helping formulate agendas, making suggestions about how to approach topics and conversations, taking notes, and drafting minutes; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Francis's thoughtful and meticulous performance of her duties contributed to the stable functioning of the Senate and created an inclusive atmosphere that benefitted all senators and guests; and

WHEREAS, as Chair of the Elections Committee, Dr. Francis oversaw a complicated process of reapportionment and worked with units across campus to arrange for the election of new senators, maintaining the rosters diligently; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Francis contributed significantly to other Senate work, such as helping to plan UB's involvement in the Okanagan Charter Movement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate proclaims its deepest gratitude and highest commendation to Dr. Turquessa P. Francis for her exemplary service as Faculty Senate Secretary.

Adopted this 12th day of May 2026, by acclamation.

The Faculty Senate of the University at Buffalo, SUNY