

A CFA Memorial Resolution Honoring Paul Kauppila

Whereas the California Faculty Association (CFA) lost an esteemed and valued union sibling on April 11, 2022, with the death of Paul Kauppila, retired Reference/Instruction Librarian at San José State University;

Whereas Paul Kauppila worked at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library of San José State University (SJSU) since 2001 and retired in 2021;

Whereas Kauppila, throughout his over-20-year career as an academic librarian, collaborated with the San José community, the SJSU faculty, and the public librarians at the joint public and university King Library. He coordinated programs and grants that focused on political science, music, and popular culture, areas of his professional expertise;

Whereas Kauppila chaired the California Faculty Association (CFA) Librarians Committee from 2017 until his retirement from SJSU King Library in 2021;

Whereas Kauppila, was a strong advocate for labor rights and a tireless member and leader of the CFA, especially among CFA librarians;

Whereas Paul was a well-loved member of our CFA community and had been commonly found at assemblies, ready to have a drink, and talk about CFA and union organizing; so be it

Resolved, that the California Faculty Association (CFA), on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of Paul Kauppila over the course of his life and mourns his death by pausing for a moment of silence during CFA's Spring Assembly General Session meeting;
2. extends its sincerest condolences to his friends, family, and colleagues; and
3. designate regularly scheduled space and time in the agenda of one of CFA's Assembly meetings to honor and remember our union siblings who had passed within the last calendar year, allowing members to submit information in advance.

Mover: Melissa Cardenas-Dow, CFA Librarians Committee Chair, 2023-2025

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Endorsements:

Political Action & Legislation Committee (4/8/2024)

Disability Caucus (4/8/2024)
Council of Lecturers (4/10/2024)
APIDA Caucus (4/10/2024)
Council for Racial & Social Justice (4/11/2024)

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