

Resolution honoring the Life and Service of Stephen Corlett to Laney College
September 26, 2020

Whereas Stephen Corlett was hired at Laney College in 1999, serving in the department of chemistry and as department chair of chemistry, physics and astronomy for 13 years;

Whereas Stephen Corlett proudly received his PhD in organic chemistry from the State University of New York at Albany after writing a dissertation titled *Synthetic Studies on the Total Synthesis of Cervinomycin*;

Whereas Stephen Corlett's tireless commitment to Laney College was emphasized through his work on the Facilities Committee, where he worked to ensure process, progress and transparency;

Whereas Stephen Corlett championed the new STEAM building at Laney College, advocating for incredible facilities for students who study science, technology, engineering, astronomy and math;

Whereas Stephen Corlett revived and expanded the organic chemistry lab at Laney College, advocating for state-of-the-art instrumentation for our students, and took the time to mentor numerous students with their independent studies projects;

Whereas Stephen Corlett served on the Faculty Senate, continuously entrenching himself in efforts to advocate for faculty and students;

Whereas Stephen Corlett was a caring, thoughtful and dedicated colleague who inspired us all to do more and be better with his calming demeanor and insightful contributions;

Be it therefore resolved that Laney College will remember Stephen Corlett for his dedication, passion, patience, collaborative spirit, fairness and gentleness;

Be it resolved that Laney College is so thankful to have had Stephen Corlett as part of our community and that his memory will remain eternal at our campus, living on through the work we will continue in his honor; and

Be it further resolved that we extend our deepest sympathies to Stephen Corlett's family and join them in their grief as Stephen was a galvanizing and catalytic member of the Laney College family.