

TO: Bethami Dobkin, Provost

**FROM: Tom Poundstone, Chair
Academic Senate**

DATE: March 28, 2010

**RE: Senate Action S-09/10-17
Commendation Awarded to
Brother Carlos Gabriel Gómez-Restrepo, FSC**

At the March 25, 2010 General Meeting of the Academic Senate, the attached Commendation was approved unanimously. This action was assigned Senate Action # S-09/10-17.

Attachment

cc: Br. Ronald Gallagher
Carole Swain

**Academic Senate Commendation of Brother Carlos Gabriel Gómez-Restrepo, FSC,
on the occasion of the April 28, 2010, College Convocation**

Whereas Brother Carlos, before beginning his tenure as Rector of Universidad de La Salle, Bogotá, Colombia, in 2008, taught and served in both secular and private institutions of higher learning for twenty-five years.

Whereas in that time Brother Carlos has become a leading theorist on the relationship of higher education to politics and the potential of Lasallian higher education to help shape secular ethics, and was thereby honored by being named to the Order of Democracy by the Congress of Colombia in 2004.

Whereas Brother has emerged as a leader in the new movement of dialogue between all Lasallian universities and colleges as the vice-president of the International Association of Lasallian Universities since 2009.

Whereas Brother Carlos tirelessly promoted the regional coordination of Lasallian education in South America as the Executive Secretary of the Region LatinoAmericana Lasallista (RELAL) for five years.

Whereas Brother Carlos has served the greater worldwide Lasallian family as a member of several international commissions in Rome, including the Mission Éducative Lasallienne (MEL) committee and the Lasallian Association for Mission committee, and was the coordinator of the preparatory committee for the 44th General Chapter of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in 2005-2007.

We the Members of the Academic Senate of Saint Mary's College do hereby unanimously commend Brother Carlos for his decades of faith-filled ministry which have served to strengthen the educational vision of Saint John Baptist de La Salle in his native Colombia and worldwide.

In recognition thereof we have affixed our signatures this day, the Feast of the Annunciation, Thursday, March 25, at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, California, in the year of Our Lord, 2010.