

WHEREAS, Pamela Lynn Pinson was born November 4, 1965 in Findlay, Ohio to James and Shirley Heilman and grew up in North Baltimore, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Pamela, and her husband, Guy, their son, Preston Matthew Pinson, lived in Bowling Green, Ohio until moving to Florida in July 2015; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2000, Pamela began employment at Bowling Green State University, with one of her early personnel positions being a staff member in the first-year retention program Springboard; and

WHEREAS, in Fall Semester 2009, Pamela began her role as Faculty Senate Secretary; and

WHEREAS, past Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. John Folkins (AY11-12), lauds Pamela as “organized, dedicated, and professional in all she did.” Further, stating “She was proactive, always looking ahead and helping senate officers learn only the expectations of their roles but how to navigate in fluid and sometimes politically volatile circumstances.”

WHEREAS, as stated by past Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. John Folkins, Pamela was a joy to have as a friend, and that she cared deeply about making this a better world and extending good will to all.

WHEREAS, Dr. Kistine Blair, current Dean at Duquesne University and past BGSU Faculty Senate Chair, writes, “Those of us who were fortunate enough to work with Pam Pinson in Bowling Green State University’s Faculty Senate Office are undoubtedly aware of how Pam was truly the one who steered the leadership of the Senate. During my time as Vice-Chair and Chair, Pam and I worked together as a co-equal team, and I benefited greatly from the guidance and mentoring she provided to me in such a complex role with so many stakeholders, and at such a key turning point in BGSU’s history of faculty governance. But more importantly, Pam was a friend, and we shared much laughter about the admittedly complicated bureaucracies of Senate administration. I remember Pam’s immense devotion to her son Preston, her ability to balance work and life in ways that made her a role model for me and for others, and her later joy in moving to Florida. Thus while I am deeply saddened by her death, I am honored to have known such a strong woman and outstanding colleague whose level of professionalism, love of family, and strength of faith were so inspirational to so many of us.”

WHEREAS, at the October 1, 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting, Senators stood and gave a standing ovation to its outgoing secretary, Pamela Pinson when she was specially recognized for her dedicated work for the Faculty Senate over the past years; and

WHEREAS, at the October 1, 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting, the Senate passed unanimously a resolution stating the “Faculty Senate of Bowling Green State University extends to Pam Pinson its sincere thanks, gratitude, and best wishes to her and to her family for the future.” The entire resolution was read by Vice Chair Joel O’Dorisio.

WHEREAS, Pamela Pinson expressed great love and concern for others because of the great love given to her by her savior during her life; and

WHEREAS, at age 54, Pamela Pinson was physically separated from her loved ones on November 14, 2019, by her untimely passing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Bowling Green State University Faculty Senate.

(1) The Faculty Senate extends its heartfelt sympathies to the family of Pamela Pinson.

(2) That the Secretary of the Faculty Senate place this resolution into the records of the Senate and transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Pamela Pinson.