**Faculty Servant Award (Senior)**

Each year, the Faculty Servant Award is given to a member of the faculty who has performed exemplary service over a period of years to his or her colleagues and to the university community as a whole. The Faculty Council selects the honoree, and the award is announced at the end of the year Faculty Banquet. The recipient receives a small gift (funded by Council members) and their name is added to a plaque that is displayed in the SUB. In addition, their picture is displayed on the plaque for one year.

The ‘formal’ criteria for the award are pretty simple:

* The individual is a member of the SPU faculty.
* The award recognizes a *pattern of ongoing service* to the SPU faculty and university community as a whole over a period of years (typically 10 or more).

Although it is often the case that a specific service event might inspire the selection of a particular individual at a given moment, the goal of the creators of this award was that it look at a faculty member’s body of service within and to the SPU community over time. The name given the award was also carefully chosen: faculty servant was specifically preferred over faculty service award. The first recipient of the award (Robert Chamberlain) was a prototype of the kind of person the faculty wished to honor, a person once called “a model of unselfish service.” The award at times has been a type of “unsung hero” award, since a great deal of university service goes, if not unnoticed, at least unrecognized. Though well over half of the recipients to date (1999-2007) have served as Faculty Chair – some more than once – this was never intended as a requirement. A ‘faculty servant’ is one who has willingly served on faculty committees and task forces, has performed diligent work within his or her department and school, and has contributed in various other ways toward making SPU a better place. Work – even exemplary work – performed by a faculty member serving in some administrative role, such as department chair or dean, is not by itself enough to qualify him or her for this award, but it may be included in the assessment of his or her total body of service to the faculty and the university.

**Awardees:**

1999 – Robert Chamberlain

2000 – Robert Drovdahl

2001 – Les Steele

2002 – Peter Smith

2003 – Mary Fry

2004 – Elaine Weltz

2005 – Eric Hanson

2006 – Barbara Bovy

2007 – Micheal Roe

2008 – Kathleen Braden

2009 – Gary Karns

2010 – Ed Smyth

2011 – Doug Downing

2012 – Kathleen Braden

2013 – Rick Steele

2014 – Denise Daniels

2015 –Tim Nelson

2016 –C. Stephen Layman

2017 –Roger Feldman

2018 –Susan VanZanten

2019 –Rick Ridgway

**Faculty Servant Award (Early Career)**

Since 2008 Faculty Council has recognized one untenured junior faculty member for service to the university which goes significantly above and beyond typical service expectations. The Early Career Faculty Servant Award is given to someone who is demonstrating willing service on faculty committees and task forces, has contributed within their own department or school, and is working toward making SPU a better place. Past recipients of the Early Career Faculty Servant Award include:

Junior:

2007 – Ruth Ediger

2008 – Christie Eppler

2009 – Baine Craft

2010 – Cara Wall-Scheffler

2011 – Shannon Scott

2012 – Brian Chin

2013 – Tracy Williams

2014 – Raedene Copeland

2015 – Jenny Tenlen

2016 – Geri Mason

2017 – Julie Antilla-Garza

2018 –Aaron Dingler

2019 –Allison Stigora