

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Outstanding Service of Richard L. Ridgway

WHEREAS, **Richard L. Ridgway** has provided Seattle Pacific University with 30 years of extraordinary service as Associate Professor of Biology and Director of the Imaging Suite, and Director of the Biotechnology Program;

WHEREAS, prior to being hired as a tenure-track faculty member, he served as Assistant Laboratory Manager at Seattle Pacific University;

WHEREAS, he is a master of saving the University money by negotiating vigorously with equipment vendors and scouring the gently-used scientific equipment markets;

WHEREAS, he has taught hundreds of Biology sections on topics ranging from Neurobiology to Coral Reef Ecology, and from Cell Biology to Ecomorphology, including multiple Study Abroad and Blakely Island Field Station courses, as well as holding the current record for most unique courses taught in Biology, and he has taught these at levels ranging from freshmen non-Biology majors to senior majors courses;

WHEREAS, he has advised countless students through their undergraduate programs, including the extensive supervision of undergraduate researchers with whom he presented his results at professional and undergraduate science symposia, and has mentored many a colleague through their early years at SPU while working tirelessly to promote excellence in the Department of Biology;

WHEREAS, he has served the University as department chair for six years, chair of the Faculty Status Committee multiple years, and as a member of the Animal Care and Use Committee, the Faculty Affairs Committee, the Faculty Budget and Stewardship Committee, the University Policies and Evaluation Committee, the Institutional Review Board, and Faculty Advisory Committee for Pre-Professional Health Sciences and other sundry committees;

WHEREAS, he has served his church and community as an external advisor to multiple biology and biotechnology programs, chair of the Worship Board at Eagle Harbor Congregational Church, member of the Christian Fellowship Board at that church, and has played the guitar and sung beautifully at church, SPU, and community events;

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated his scholarly abilities in publishing dozens of papers, receiving 26 grants, including 12 external grants, authoring 28 papers and several other scholarly works, serving as a member of seven professional societies, and having served his guild by organizing symposia for his professional society and reviewing manuscripts for seven different journals; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife, Diane Ridgway, generously and graciously opened their home to host Biology Department barbecues for all Biology faculty, staff, and students for many years; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we congratulate **Richard L. Ridgway** for his years of dedicated service to Seattle Pacific University, and we extend our heartfelt appreciation for his numerous contributions to the life of our community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we bestow on **Richard L. Ridgway** the status of *EMERITUS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY*, with all the rights and privileges accompanying such rank, yet understanding that no title nor honor can fully convey our lasting appreciation and knowledge of how richly he has deserved all that is in our power to bestow.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been adopted by the Seattle Pacific Board of Trustees this 22nd day of February, 2019.