

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Outstanding Service of Ramona A. Holmes

WHEREAS, **Ramona A. Holmes** provided Seattle Pacific University with 25 years of extraordinary service as Professor of Music and Director of Music Education;

WHEREAS, her 20 years as a public school K-12 educator in general music and strings brought immense knowledge and experience to the Seattle Pacific University music department;

WHEREAS, her teaching and advising music education students has maintained a success rate of 100% placement as new hires upon graduation;

WHEREAS, she is the sole ethnomusicologist at Seattle Pacific University, having traveled the world learning about indigenous music to teach in her classrooms;

WHEREAS, her long history of inclusion in curriculum goes beyond the music department, to support teaching in the Global Studies, Asian Studies, and Reconciliation minors;

WHEREAS, her research in music education and ethnomusicology was published widely over the years and her scholarships included conference presentations and many clinics and workshops for music educators;

WHEREAS, she was the primary advisor and taught the core courses for the Master of Arts in Teaching – General Music Endorsement; through the School of Education; and

WHEREAS, her commitment to faculty governance was evident through her roles as chair of the Music department, Faculty Affairs Committee and Faculty Senate;

WHEREAS, she served as an advisor for the study abroad Contemporary Music Center and Best Semesters programs;

WHEREAS, she is a highly regarded consultant in the greater Seattle community, with such partnerships as the Seattle School District, Museum of Pop Culture, Seattle Symphony Orchestra, and Foundation for International services;

WHEREAS, she served the higher education community as an accreditation liaison officer for the National Association of Schools of Music;

WHEREAS, one of her favorite former classes, UCOR 1000, Arts in the Christian Community, became a symbol of integrating art and faith on a personal and community level; and

WHEREAS, her association with local and national colleagues such as the Seattle Estonian Society, Center for Black Music Research, American String Teachers Association, Society for Ethnomusicology, Northwest Folklife Festival, and the Seattle-Surabaya Sister City Association has brought a depth of cultural understanding through music to thousands of students, many now educators, that serves as a model of integrating art, faith, and teaching; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we congratulate **Ramona A. Holmes** for her years of dedicated service to Seattle Pacific University, and we extend our heartfelt appreciation for her numerous contributions to the life of our community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we bestow on **Ramona A. Holmes** the status of *EMERITA PROFESSOR OF MUSIC*, with all the rights and privileges accompanying such rank, yet understanding that no title or honor can fully convey our lasting appreciation and knowledge of how richly she 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.