

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Outstanding Service of Richard P. Jackson

WHEREAS, **Richard P. Jackson** has provided Seattle Pacific University with 24 years of committed service as a professor of Communication and Journalism;

WHEREAS, he has unfailingly and consistently demonstrated the faithful responsiveness of a caring and diligent servant from the moment of his arrival at Seattle Pacific University in September of 1994;

WHEREAS, he has trained and advised over 600 students who have produced some 550 editions of *The Falcon*, totaling 6500 printed pages;

WHEREAS, he has produced weekly critiques of the work of every one of those students and has spent countless late Tuesday nights working with and counseling those young journalists as they put the paper to bed;

WHEREAS, he has fostered relationships with the student editors and remains in close contact with many of them, following their careers to this day;

WHEREAS, he was named Faculty Advisor of the Year by the Associated Students of Seattle Pacific University in 1997;

WHEREAS, he has made yearly trips to the President's, Provost's, or Vice President's offices, fielded hundreds of telephone calls, letters, and emails from sometimes angry students, faculty, staff, coaches, administrators, and other members of the community with humility and patience;

WHEREAS, he was stoutly defended the importance of a free press and earnestly advanced the proposition that journalism, well done, is redemptive;

WHEREAS, he has done this while teaching full class loads, often overlords, and while completing a PhD, raising two children, and being a supportive husband to his wife, Chris;

WHEREAS, he is an active member of the Board of Student Media, has served on the Faculty Affairs Committee, and as an elder at Calvin Presbyterian Church, among other roles; and

WHEREAS, he has been a patient and gracious mentor, an outstanding teacher, a trusted advisor, a generous colleague, and friend; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we congratulate **Richard P. Jackson** 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 P. Jackson** the status of *EMERITUS ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF JOURNALISM*, 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.