

# *RESOLUTION*

## Recognizing the Outstanding Service of Douglas J. Thorpe

*WHEREAS*, **Douglas J. Thorpe** provided Seattle Pacific University with 31 years of extraordinary service as Professor of English;

*WHEREAS*, he was the soul of the English Department in the eyes of students and colleagues alike;

*WHEREAS*, he served as a mentor and spiritual advisor to countless students over the years, often maintaining friendships with them long after graduation;

*WHEREAS*, he introduced generations of English majors to favorite authors such as Blake, Dante, and Dostoevsky;

*WHEREAS*, he graciously taught whatever courses needed to be taught, from American Ethnic Literature to Prosody to the Senior Capstone, regularly agreeing to Independent Studies with individual students;

*WHEREAS*, he has published both scholarly and creative work in a wide variety of venues, from *Mars Hill Review* to *Parabola*;

*WHEREAS*, he won the David Family Environmental Book Award for his book *Rapture of the Deep*;

*WHEREAS*, he served for many years as faculty advisor to *Lingua*, the student literary magazine, also serving on the Board of Student Media;

*WHEREAS*, he served in recent years as faculty advisor of the campus Israel-Palestine Club;

*WHEREAS*, he was committed to community outreach and social justice work, volunteering his time and talent with Pongo Teen Writing, Friends of Sabeel North America, and other nonprofit organizations;

*WHEREAS*, he has been a spiritual leader of the St. Mark's Cathedral community for decades; and

*WHEREAS*, he has hiked his beloved North Cascades every summer, visiting and teaching at Holden Village in the process; therefore, be it

*RESOLVED*, that we thank **Douglas J. Thorpe** for his years of dedicated service to Seattle Pacific University, and that we extend our heartfelt appreciation for his numerous contributions to the life of our community; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, that we bestow on **Douglas J. Thorpe** the status of *EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH*, 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.