

**The Faculty Excellence Award in Service** recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates academic leadership and who influences the life of the university through service in areas of faculty governance, the university, and the community beyond the university. This year we honor Dr. Amy Siegesmund, Associate Professor of Biology.

In our faculty governance system, Dr. Siegesmund serves with an admirable sense of integrity and a commitment to the value of shared governance. In speaking to her service on the Governance Committee, Faculty Affairs Committee, and her current role of parliamentarian, a colleague wrote that Amy “sees the importance of faculty voice and is steadfast in maintaining our strong voice by putting in the time and effort to truly understand the issues and to find solutions.”

One of Dr. Siegesmund’s most visible leadership roles in our faculty governance system was in her service as co-chair of the Faculty Joint Committee. In describing what her leadership meant for the faculty, for the university, and for future students, a colleague wrote “It was an effort unparalleled with any other aspect of any other person’s job at PLU.”

It should not be surprising to anyone who has interacted with Amy that she has also taken on numerous service activities that involve direct interaction with students. In addition to the S-STEM and Natural Sciences Fellows programs, she has served as the faculty advisor for several student clubs within the department. In fact, from 2011-2014, Amy simultaneously advised the Biology Club, the Pre-Medical club, and the Pre-Dental club.

Dr. Siegesmund’s service extends beyond the campus. She is instrumental in identifying the everyday professional development needs of biology and microbiology undergraduate educators to American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Education. A board member of ASM praised Dr. Siegesmund’s contributions towards advancing the microbial sciences, noting “Dr. Siegesmund’s guidance allows ASM to develop the most essential and high quality web-based programming and resources to our members.”

A PLU colleague who has worked with Dr. Siegesmund in a number of contexts wrote, “It’s almost hard to believe that she has contributed to so many things in just 13 years at PLU. But this award isn’t about the amount of Amy’s service, impressive as the list might be. It is a recognition of the quality of her sustained commitment to improving both the PLU community and the broader scientific community through her service on and beyond campus.”

For her record of service to the university and our community, we honor and thank Amy Siegesmund.