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2017 Dougan Award Presentation

Each year, the IWU AAUP Chapter selects an active, vocal member of the faculty for the “James D. Dougan Award for Contributions to Faculty Governance.”

The award honors the memory of the late Professor of Psychology James Dougan and his staunch commitment to defending the faculty’s right to participate in shaping the direction of the university.

This year’s recipient has served extensively across the University in many important leadership roles including a long-time chair of her department.

One nominating letter mentioned,

When the occasion arises to identify a colleague who is fair-minded, even tempered, a thoughtful listener, and a skilled consensus builder, her name is uttered in near unison. She has a well-earned reputation for seeing multiple points of view on contentious issues. She is respected throughout the university for being a compassionate advocate for just treatment with an incredibly diplomatic manner. She is a team player who has our backs without being someone who seems to delight in looking for fight. She always stands on the side of the oppressed, wronged, under-represented, and marginalized. When faculty governance and academic freedom are in peril, my confidence that she will be a part of the resistance is complete.

Another nominating letter stated,

She is a bridge builder. She is community-minded. That being said, she rarely sits on the sidelines of issues, but rather, always is aware of what’s at stake, is thoughtful, and contributes to the conversation, offering her ideas, advocating for what she believes is right, and engaging in debate.

Her commitment to service is so strong that she stepped up to serve as Faculty Secretary just this past year when, once again, not another soul was willing.

And so, for her consistent and meritorious commitment to faculty governance, it is with pleasure and gratitude that the IWU chapter of the AAUP presents the seventh annual James D. Dougan Award for Contributions to Faculty Governance to Professor Rebecca Roesner.