

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACULTY ASSEMBLY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2005, 4:00 P.M. RIEKE SCIENCE CENTER, LERAAS LECTURE HALL

1. Call to Order: Chuck Bergman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer: Nancy O'Connor gave the opening prayer.
3. Approval of Minutes of the Dec. 10, 2004 Meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.
4. Question and Answer Period: President Anderson.
The President announced that Wayne Carp, History, will be the recipient of the endowed chair funded by the Benson Family.

He stated that work had begun on the next financial campaign, which will emphasize endowed professorships.

He announced that a national search has begun for a new Vice President of Development.

President Anderson spoke of the success of the J-Term, and of the Wang Symposium, and reported that the outlook for the class of 2005 is looking positive.

5. Announcements and Communications:
 - A. Wendy Shore, Psychology, gave a progress report on the Student-Faculty Research and Creative Projects Strategic Plan. She said they hope to have a recommendation by spring break, and a proposal to bring to the Faculty Assembly by the end of spring semester.
 - B. Board of Regents Winter Meeting
Tony Evans, Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents, reported on the winter meeting of the Board of Regents. He noted the Board approved sabbatical requests, as well as candidates for tenure and promotion. The Board also discussed progress on the Morken Center, the Eastvold remodel, and the construction of the PLU Bookstore. Approval of tuition increase for 2005-2006 was also reported.
 - C. General Education at PLU and Curricular Revision.
Chuck Bergman, Faculty Chair, presented the printed form of the General Education statement, and commented on its use. He also discussed the progress of the Working Group on General Education. He said the group will present a

referendum on curricular revision to the faculty, to determine the will of the faculty on this matter and to determine if there is a mandate from the faculty to go forward. The faculty will be asked in the referendum if it wants to change the curriculum or not, and if so, whether it prefers specific changes (tinkering), or a major overhaul. A discussion will come at the March meeting of the Faculty Assembly, and a vote in April. Should the faculty vote to move forward with curricular change, the Working Group will bring a proposal on process to the Faculty Executive Committee before the May meeting of the Faculty Assembly. A memorandum to the faculty will describe the rationale and the process for this referendum.

- D. Samuel Torvend, Religion, announced the library exhibition, "Picturing Faith: Religious America in Government Photography," and the Conference on the Arts of Religion serving Justice and Peace, March 4 – 6, 2005, featuring several members of the Religion Department.

7. New Business.

A. Motion Regarding Faculty Representation to the Board of Regents and the Faculty Executive Committee

Norris Peterson, Governance Committee. First reading of the Motion. Norris Peterson read the motion to amend the Faculty Constitution and Bylaws, making the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents a member of the Faculty Executive Committee, as specified in Attachment A. Chuck Bergman made a point of order that changes to the Constitution and Bylaws require a three-meeting process. Any amendments to the motion must be presented in writing for the next faculty meeting. A vote on the motion will come at the April meeting. Norris Peterson spoke to the motion, explaining the history and rationale and effect of the motion.

No further business.

Chuck Bergman adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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