

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACULTY ASSEMBLY  
FRIDAY MARCH 11, 2005 4:00 PM  
RIEKE SCIENCE CENTER, LERAAS LECTURE HALL

1. Call to Order: Chuck Bergman called the meeting to order at 4:05pm
2. Opening Prayer: Dennis Sepper gave the opening prayer
3. Approval of Minutes of the February 11, 2005 meeting: The minutes were approved as submitted
4. Questions and Answer Period: President Anderson reported that fall student admission rate is comparable to that of the previous two years at this time. He announced a 6% overall raise for faculty salaries for next year.  
He reported that part-time faculty and staff decisions would be complete by the end of this month, and that fundraising continues to be strong.  
The president also expressed his appreciation for the support he and his family have received for the loss of his mother.
5. Announcements and communications:  
Provost Pence distributed a listing of confirmed new Tenure-Track Faculty positions for 2005-2006, and said the remaining searches were going well.
  - A. Duane Swank, Environmental Studies, announced the Earth Day lecture to be held April 21, 7:30pm in Leraas Lecture Hall.
  - B. Thad Barnowe, Faculty Committee on International Education, reported on current progress of the American Council on Education (ACE) International Laboratory at PLU.
  - C. Greg Johnson, Faculty Affairs Committee, discussed three areas of committee activity:
    1. Academic restructuring, with a report forth coming in April.
    2. Examination of compensation for independent studies.
    3. Recommendation of a 5% increase for faculty salaries.

Chuck Bergman, Faculty Chair, explained the use of parliamentary procedure, according to *Robert's Rules*, in enabling an informal discussion of curricular revision.
6. Unfinished Business: A motion regarding faculty representation to the board of regents and the faculty executive committee. Norris Peterson, Governance Committee stated that the motion will be up for vote next month. Chuck Bergman asked if anyone wished to speak to the 2nd reading of the motion. None came forth. The vote will come up at the April meeting.
7. New Business:
  - A. Proposal to create a minor in Peace and Justice Studies. Chris Hansvick, Peace and Justice Working Group. Action

*Be it resolved*, the faculty approve the minor in Peace and Justice Studies.

Chuck Bergman prefaced discussion by explaining that no second was needed because the motion came from a group. He also stated that approval of the minor would also include the approval of a new course. Chris Hansvick spoke for the program, and introduced members of the working group who lent their support. Chris Hansvick described the program and its uniqueness in the Pacific Northwest, and how it would fit our university & curriculum. Chuck Bergman asked for people to speak to the motion.

Discussion followed with questions raised concerning proper EPC approval of the new funding mechanism described in the motion as presented, as well as the faculty compensation. Does the proposal set a precedent for future proposals?

Dave Robbins, Music, moved to refer the proposal to EPC for further study. Chuck Bergman asked people to speak to the motion. There followed a great deal of discussion with concern expressed in regard to EPC procedure, and whether the questions of funding and teaching load had been properly considered and determined by EPC.

Peter Ehrenhaus, EPC responded that EPC had been concerned about the original funding portion of the proposal, and had discussed it with the group. Tosh Kakar stated that the university has no policy on funding an overload, so EPC was uncertain how to deal with the question. Discussion continued both pro and con. The previous question was moved. A voice vote was too close to determine an outcome, and Chuck Bergman ordered a Division of the House. A ballot vote resulted in 44 yes, 41 no, 2 abstaining. The motion passed, and the original motion was referred back to EPC.

B. General consent Motion for Informal Discussion:

Chuck Bergman, Working Group on General Education. Discussion of the Referendum on Curricular Revision.

Chuck Bergman explained the purpose of the discussion was to clarify the motion that would be coming forward in April. He introduced the 3 individuals who had chaired the three open meetings, and they each gave summary reports of the arguments for each position:

1. Patsy Maloney--“No Change.” The Focus Group believes the current General Education Requirements fulfills the principles of general education at PLU as described by the statement approved by the Faculty in December 2004, specifically in regards to Values, Knowledge, and Skills and Abilities.
2. Bill Greenwood--“Specific Changes.” The Focus Group believes the current structure of the GURs could be easily simplified and clarified with a few changes to such matters as the diversity requirements, double dipping, and CAS language requirement.
3. Chris Meyer--“Major Overhaul.” The Focus Group believes the current structure of the GURs is too complex, and the two cores are difficult for students & advisors to interpret. The current GURs are too difficult to complete in four years, and too large in relation to other universities. The GUR needs more balance.

Chuck opened the floor to discussion. Discussion followed with opinions, comments and suggestions. Chuck Bergman stated the Referendum will come to a vote at the Faculty Assembly in April

Chuck Bergman adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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