

Pacific Lutheran University  
*Office of the Provost*  
**Faculty Committee Membership 2023-24**

Following is an updated list of elected faculty committee members for 2023-24. Where applicable, the chair of each committee is indicated by ☞; the secretary by ✎

**FACULTY EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Chair of Faculty, Neal Yakelis (Chemistry)  
Vice Chair of Faculty, Amy Young, (Comm, Media & Design Arts)  
Secretary of Faculty, Rick Barot (English)

**ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE & INTEGRITY COMMITTEE**

- 24 ☞ Soon Cho, Music, Theatre & Dance  
25 ☞ Paul Sutton, Education  
25 ✎ Julie Smith, Biology

ASPLU: Ash Bechtel ([abechtel@plu.edu](mailto:abechtel@plu.edu))

**CORE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

- 24 ☞ Jacob Egge, Biology  
25 Rebecca Wilkin, Global and Cultural Studies  
26 ✎ Wendy Gardiner, Education

ASPLU: Ash Bechtel ([abechtel@plu.edu](mailto:abechtel@plu.edu))

**EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE**

- 24 Emily Davidson, Global and Cultural Studies  
24 ☞ Jessica Schwinck, Nursing  
26 ✎ Tom Smith, Music, Theatre & Dance  
26 David Wolff, Computer Science

ASPLU:

**FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

- 24 ✎ Mallory Mann, Kinesiology  
24 Xiaohong Fan, Business  
25 ☞ Beth Griech-Polelle, Interdisciplinary  
25 ☞ N. Justice, Mathematics

**GLOBAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- 24 ☞ Heather Mathews, Comm, Media & Design Arts  
25 ✎ Jennifer Rhyne, Music, Theatre & Dance  
26 ✎ Roberto Arteaga, Library

ASPLU: Kaden Bolton ([boltonkj@plu.edu](mailto:boltonkj@plu.edu))

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

- 24 ☞ Oksana Ejokina, Music, Theatre & Dance  
25 Alex Lechler, Earth Science & Environmental Stud.  
26 ✎ Kevin O'Brien, Religion

**RANK AND TENURE COMMITTEE**

- 24 Renzhi Cao, Computer Science  
24 ☞ Charles Katica, Kinesiology  
25 ✎ Venessa Tucker, Education  
25 Paul Manfredi, Global and Cultural Studies  
26 Shannon Seidel, Biology

ASPLU: Tazha Watson ([tazha.watson@plu.edu](mailto:tazha.watson@plu.edu))

**UNIVERSITY LONG-RANGE PLANNING**

- ☞ Allan Belton, *President*  
James Brown, *Faculty Representative to the Board*  
24 Barry Johnson, Music, Theatre & Dance  
25 Sarah Ann McFadden, Nursing

**FACULTY SECRETARY**

- 23 Rick Barot, English

**FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

- 24 Neal Yakelis, Chemistry – Chair of Faculty  
24 Amy Young, Comm, Media & Design Arts  
– Vice Chair of Faculty  
25 Rick Barot, English – Faculty Secretary  
26 James Brown, Music  
– Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents

**FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Neal Yakelis, (*Chair of Faculty*); Amy Young, (*Vice Chair of Faculty*); Rick Barot (*Secretary of Faculty*);  
Chairs of Faculty Standing Committees; James Brown (*Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents*)  
Advisory Members: Allan Belton, (*President*); Joanna Gregson, (*Provost*)

## Faculty Executive Committee Appointments

### **TITLE IX COMMITTEE**

25 Katrina Hay, Physics

### **UNIVERSITY DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**

24 Marnie Ritchie, Comm, Media & Design Arts

### **UNIVERSITY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

24 Laura McCloud, Sociology and Criminal Justice

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