

Pacific Lutheran University
Office of the Provost
Faculty Senate and Committee Membership 2026-27

Following is an updated list of elected faculty senate and committee members for 2026-27.

FACULTY SENATE

Chair of Faculty

28 Oksana Ejokina (Music)

Vice-Chair of Faculty

28 Jacob Egge (Biology)

Secretary

Faculty Rep. to the Board of Regents

College of Health Professions Representatives

27 Riley Stumpf, Nursing (A: 1-year term)
29 Terri Farrar, Kinesiology (B: 3-year term)

College of Liberal Studies Representatives

27 Michael Artime (A: 1-year term)
28 Jim Albrecht, English (B: 2-year term)

College of Natural Sciences Representatives

27 Corey Cook, Psychology (A: 1-year term)
29 Andrea Munro, Chemistry (B: 3-year term)

College of Professional Studies Representatives

28 James Brown, Music, Theatre & Dance (A: 2-year term)
29 John Wright, Education (B: 3-year term)

Contingent Faculty Representatives

28 Kristina Kenning, Nursing (2-year term)

ADVISORY:

President
Provost
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Governance
Rank and Tenure

FACULTY COMMITTEES

Where applicable, the chair of each committee is indicated by ☞; the secretary by ☜

Core Curriculum Committee

27 ☞ Neva Laurie-Berry, Biology
28 ☜ Laura Fitzwater-Gonzales, Sociology
29 Mary Ellen Biggerstaff, Nursing

Educational Policies Committee

27 ☞ Erik Hammerstrom, Global and Cultural Studies
27 Anissa Rogers, Social Work
28 Lark Powers, Music
29 ☜ Rich Louie, Physics

Governance Committee

- 27 ☞ Nicole Martin Kinesiology
- 28 Marnie Ritchie, Comm. Media & Design Arts
- 29 ✍ Ron Gerhardstein, Music, Theatre & Dance

Rank and Tenure Committee

- 27 ✍ Charlie Katica, Kinesiology
- 27 ☞ Peter Davis, Earth Sciences
- 28 Cathleen Kim, Education
- 28 Gina Hames, History
- 29 Shannon Seidel, Biology

Senate serving in the following roles:

Faculty Secretary: *Andrea Munro, College of Natural Sciences*

Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents: *Michael Artime, College of Liberal Studies*

University Budget Advisory Committee (2): *James Albrect, College of Liberal Studies: Jim Brown, College of Professional Studies*

University Benefits Committee (1): *Michael Artime, College of Liberal Studies*

Coordinator for Academic Performance and Integrity Policies (1): *Terri Farrar, College of Health Professions*

Global Education policies (1): *Riley Stumpf, College of Health Professions*

Conciliation Committee (1): *Jacob Egge, Vice-Chair, College of Natural Sciences*

FJC (4): 1 from each College)

Appoint to serve in the following roles:

Retirement Fund Advisory Committee (Advisory member): *Neal Yakelis, Chemistry*

Member of Title IX: *Beth Griech-Polelle, History*

Member of University Diversity Committee: *Raul Dominguez, Music*

Member of the University Safety Committee: *Gerardo Cuevas-Buendia, Sociology, Criminal Justice and Anthropology*

Four (4) members work with Dean of Students Office (Academic Dishonesty Hearing Panels): *Carmina Palerm, (GCST); Sailu Li, (BUSA); Alexis Hamilton, (MFTH); Jeffrey Caley, (CSCI)*

Five members and five alternates for the Formal Dismissal Committee

Michael Behrens, Professor (Biology)

Suzanne Crawford O'Brien, Professor (Religion)

Kayla Harvey, Associate Professor (Nursing)

Kate Luther, Professor (Sociology & Criminal Justice)

Rebekah Mergenthal, Associate Professor (History)

Alternate #1: Bradford Andrews, Associate Professor (Anthropology)

Alternate #2: Seth Dowland, Professor (Religion/IHON)

Alternate #3: Heidi Brocious, Professor (Social Work)

Alternate #4: Renzhi Cao, Associate Professor (Computer Science)

Alternate #5: N. Justice, Associate Professor (Math)

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