Motion to adopt a new policy about establishing Honor Societies. Michelle Ceynar (Psychology), Governance Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that the Faculty Handbook Section III, Academic Policies, Procedures and Services, Educational Policies Committee Manual (p. 76) be revised to include a new policy regarding Honor Societies as listed in Attachment D.

**Honor Societies at Pacific Lutheran University**

Honor societies are organizations that serve to recognize the academic achievements of students who are among the highest in their class in scholarship. Honor societies may also have other requirements for distinction such as in leadership, service, academic discipline or co-curricular activity in the university.

Honor societies at Pacific Lutheran University base their membership criteria in whole or in part on students’ academic achievement. An honor society is defined as a student organization with membership criteria containing a standard for high achievement in scholarship. All honor societies at Pacific Lutheran University serve to enhance the mission of the University.

The Faculty determines honors bestowed by the University (Faculty Bylaws, Article III, Section 2a) and therefore all honor societies are reviewed by the Faculty to both assure that the academic standards are appropriate to PLU and that the focus of the honor society is an appropriate fit with the PLU mission.

A recommendation for instituting a new honor society is to be approved by the faculty through the following procedure:

1. A proposal for a new honor society which must include a rationale for the addition of the honor society to the PLU community is discussed and approved by the department or school of origin and approved by the divisional or school dean as appropriate.
2. The proposal is then submitted to the Provost and the Educational Policies committee for review.
3. The Educational Policies Committee reviews the proposal and publishes it online for a 30-day review period, during which objections may be submitted in writing.
   a. If no objections are received, the proposal will be automatically approved.
   b. If objections, mediation and hearings may be conducted as necessary. If the dispute cannot be resolved, then the committee will make its recommendation to the Faculty Assembly at the next regular meeting.