1. Call to Order

2. Opening Prayer – Rev. Dennis Sepper, University Pastor

3. Approval of Minutes of the March 14, 2014 Meeting

4. Question and Answer Period – President Krise

5. Unfinished Business:

6. New Business:

   A. Motion to approve Candidates for Bachelor's and Master's Degrees for May and August 2014 degrees, pending successful completion of all degree requirements – Steven Starkovich, Provost. ACTION ITEM.

   Resolved, that the Faculty Assembly approve the Candidates for Bachelor's and Master's Degrees for spring and summer 2014, pending successful completion of all degree requirements.

   B. Motion to adopt the Policy on Endowed Chairs and Professors – Kevin O’Brien (Religion) and Rebekah Mergenthal (History), Faculty Affairs Committee. ACTION ITEM.

   Whereas, Pacific Lutheran University currently has four Endowed Chairs and one Endowed Professor whose positions enrich the university’s programs and honor distinguished faculty; and

   Whereas, sustenance of these positions and creation of more endowed positions will contribute greatly to PLU’s mission and strategic goals, and to the prestige of our faculty;

   Whereas, there is currently no policy governing the funding, establishment, appointment, or review of endowed positions,

   Resolved, that faculty adopt the Policy on Endowed Chairs and Professors for inclusion in Section IV (pg. 107) of the Faculty Handbook as presented in Attachment A.

   C. Nominations for 2014-15 Faculty Committees – Michelle Ceynar (Psychology), Governance Committee. Attachment B.
D. Motion to insert the description of the Sustainability Committee in Section II, Aspects of Faculty Organization, University Standing Committees – Michelle Ceynar (Psychology), Governance Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that Section II, Aspects of Faculty Organization, University Standing Committees be revised to include the description of the University Sustainability Committee as listed in Attachment C.

E. 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.

F. Motion to approve a graduate degree, the Master of Science in Marketing Research – Tina Saxowsky (Chemistry), Educational Policies Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that the faculty recommend to the Board of Regents a new degree program, the Master of Science in Marketing Research, the details of which are included in the School of Business’s EPC proposal (dated 2/20/14).

G. Motion to recommend the nomination of Norman DeValois Dicks for an honorary Doctorate degree to be awarded at the May 2014 commencement ceremony – Martin Wurm (Economics), Educational Policies Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that the faculty recommend to President Krise the nomination of former Congressman Norman DeValois Dicks for a Doctor of Humane Letters in recognition of Norman Dicks’ extraordinary efforts for the restoration and preservation of the environment and communities of the Puget Sound area as summarized in attachment E.

H. Motion to revise the Registration Process – Tina Saxowsky (Chemistry), Educational Policies Committee – ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that the faculty approve revisions to the Registration Process, to appear in the Catalog as presented in Attachment F.

I. Motion to revise the Faculty Handbook regarding the process by which the Rank and Tenure Committee notifies tenure and promotion candidates of its recommendation(s) – Rich Louie (Physics), Rank and Tenure Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that the Faculty approve revisions to the Rank and Tenure Committee Procedures in the Faculty Handbook pp. 95-96 (Section IV, Personnel Policies and Employment Benefits) as presented in attachment G.

J. Motion for an Informal Discussion regarding scheduling guidelines – Tina Saxowsky (Chemistry), Educational Policies Committee. ACTION ITEM.
Resolved, that the faculty hold an informal discussion lasting no more than 20 minutes on the second draft of scheduling guidelines as presented in Attachment H. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 10 minutes will be provided.

K. Motion to allow Sean Horner, Instructional Technologies, to attend the discussion regarding teaching evaluations. - Joanna Gregson (Sociology), Teaching Evaluations Task force. ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that Sean Horner, Instructional Technologies, be allowed to attend the discussion regarding teaching evaluations, with right of voice.

L. Motion for an Informal Discussion regarding teaching evaluations – Joanna Gregson (Sociology), Teaching Evaluations Task Force. ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that the faculty hold an informal discussion lasting no more than 20 minutes on proposed changes to the methods by which teaching is evaluated at PLU. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 10 minutes will be provided. – Joanna Gregson (Sociology), Teaching Evaluation Task Force. ACTION ITEM.

7. Announcements and Communications:

A. NCAA Division III Week and celebration of the 40th year of Division III – Keith Cooper (Philosophy), Faculty Athletics Representative.

B. Forthcoming preview of the new Faculty Handbook format – Michelle Ceynar (Psychology), Governance Committee.

C. Common Reading Announcement – Amy Stewart-Mailhiot, Library

D. Update on the report from the Budget Working Group – Norris Peterson (Economics), Budget Working Group.


F. Faculty Profile Questionnaire – Donna Gibbs, Vice President of Marketing and Communications