PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACULTY ASSEMBLY
Friday, March 14, 2014
RIEKE SCIENCE CENTER – LERAAS LECTURE HALL

Call to Order: Wendelyn Shore, Chair of the Faculty, called the regular March meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. There were 111 persons in attendance.

Opening Prayer: The Reverend Nancy Connor, University Pastor, offered the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of February 14, 2014: The minutes were approved as distributed.

Question and Answer Period with the President: President Thomas W. Krise received a question about how decisions to allocate additional net revenue will be made – in particular, when to allocate it toward compensation. The president replied that while there is not an easy answer to that question, President’s Council and the Six Sigma group were involved in considering just such matters. Follow-up questions came from Dave Robbins (Music) and Erin McKenna (Philosophy).

Unfinished Business:

A. Michelle Ceynar (Psychology), chair of the Governance Committee, provided the third reading of a motion to revise the Faculty Bylaws to delete the reference to the special rule of order allowing for informal discussion:

Resolved, that Article IV Governance, Section 1 (page 14) of the Faculty Bylaws be revised as follows:

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\text{c) A quorum shall exist when at least 50 voting members of the faculty are present.} \\
\text{d) e) The Faculty Assembly has may adopted the following special rule(s) of order, as permitted by its governing authority, Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised:} \\
\text{1) A motion for an informal discussion, with a specified time limit, is in order when no other motion is pending.} \\
\text{d) A quorum shall exist when at least 50 voting members of the faculty are present.}
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MOTION PASSED.
New Business:

A. Michelle Ceynar (Psychology), chair of the Governance Committee, introduced a motion to adopt a special rule of order to document current procedures for paper-ballot voting during Faculty Assembly meetings:

Resolved, that the Faculty adopt a special rule of order, to be listed within a box on the same page as Article IV, Section 1 of the Bylaws, as presented in Attachment B.

MOTION PASSED.

B. Jill Whitman (Geosciences), from the Strategic Enrollment Management Advisory Committee, introduced a motion to revise the Faculty Handbook regarding membership of the Strategic Enrollment Management Advisory Committee:

Resolved, that the membership on the Strategic Enrollment Management Advisory Committee in the Faculty Handbook, p. 48 (Section II, University Standing Committees), be revised as presented in attachment C.

MOTION PASSED.

C. Tina Saxowsky (Chemistry), chair of the Educational Policies Committee, introduced a motion to revise the Commencement participation policy:

Whereas, Pacific Lutheran University will no longer hold commencement exercises in December beginning with the 2014-2015 Academic Year; and

Whereas, a revised policy governing who among the students is eligible to participate in the Spring commencement ceremony is needed;

Resolved, that the Faculty approve revisions to the Commencement Participation Policy, effective beginning with Spring Commencement 2015, to appear in the Catalog as presented in Attachment D.

MOTION PASSED.

D. Michael Behrens (Biology), from the University Long-Range Planning Committee, introduced a motion to amend the description of the University Long-Range Planning Committee:

Resolved, that the faculty approve revisions to the University Long-Range Planning Committee membership (Faculty Handbook, page 51), as presented in Attachment E.

MOTION PASSED.
E. Susan Harmon (Business) introduced a motion to hold an Informal Discussion:

Resolved, that the Faculty Assembly hold an Informal Discussion regarding a proposed Masters of Science in Marketing Research, lasting no longer than 20 minutes. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 10 minutes will be provided.

MOTION PASSED.

Following an opening presentation by Nancy Albers-Miller (Business), participating in the discussion were Justin Lytle (Chemistry), Cameron Bennett (SOAC), Jp Avila (Art & Design), Craig Fryhle (Chemistry), Jon Grahe (Psychology), Callista Brown (English), Steve Starkovich (Provost), Karen Travis (Economics), and Lizz Zitron (Library).

F. Michelle Ceynar (Psychology), chair of the Governance Committee, introduced a motion to hold an Informal Discussion:

Resolved, that the Faculty Assembly hold an Informal Discussion regarding establishing a policy for implementing new honor societies, lasting no longer than 10 minutes. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 5 minutes will be provided.

MOTION PASSED.

Following an opening presentation by Michelle Ceynar (Psychology), participating in the discussion were Laura Majovski (Student Life), Keith Cooper (Philosophy), and Neal Yakelis (Chemistry).

Announcements and Communications:

A. 2014 Earth Day Lecture. Kevin O’Brien (Religion and Environmental Studies) announced that former Washington Governor Christine Gregoire will present the annual Earth Day Lecture on April 22 at 7:30 p.m. The title of her talk is “We Have Met the Enemy and He is Us.” Faculty are asked to consider encouraging their students to attend; a card-swipe system is available, with Kevin the contact person for that.

B. Academic Integrity Policy Revision. Gina Gillie (Music), chair of the Campus Life Committee, provided a status report on updates to the Academic Integrity Policy. The committee is working with Student Life and a university attorney; something should come before the faculty in May.

C. Instructional Resources Committee Website. Bridget Yaden (Languages & Literatures), chair of the Instructional Resources Committee, announced the IRC’s new website, www.plu.edu/instructional-resources-committee, emphasizing the “View Classrooms” link.
D. Food Symposium. Pauline Kaurin (Philosophy) announced that Food Symposium II will be held April 2-5, sponsored by the Department of Philosophy, the Center for Community Engagement & Service, and Trinity Lutheran Church. The topic is food democracy. The event features a keynote address by philosopher Thomas Pogge, director of the Global Justice Program at Yale University, as well as panel discussions, student poster presentations, food demonstrations, a community meal, and service opportunities.

E. 2014 Common Reading Book. Amy Stewart-Mailhiot (Library), co-director of the Common Reading Program, announced that the selection committee has selected Karen Joy Fowler’s novel We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves. A link on the FYEP website provides more information.

F. Midterm Warnings and Advising & Registration Weeks. Kevin Berg (Registrar) encouraged faculty to submit Midterm Warnings by the deadline of March 31 for students doing unsatisfactory work. He also noted the upcoming advising week (April 7-11) and registration weeks (April 14-25), and that students with fewer than 60 credits need to receive registration access codes from their advisor.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith J. Cooper
Faculty Secretary