Call to Order: Wendelyn Shore, Chair of the Faculty, called the regular May meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. There were 133 persons in attendance.

Opening Prayer: The Reverend Dennis Sepper, University Pastor, offered the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of April 11, 2014: The minutes were approved as distributed.

Question and Answer Period with the President: President Thomas W. Krise addressed three questions sent him. (a) Concerning university programs and services assisting students who are military personnel and veterans, Pres. Krise noted ongoing collaboration among several offices. (b) Pres. Krise provided assurance that the commitment to increase salaries would take inflation into account. (c) Concerning a question regarding an increase in lab and studio fees, Pres. Krise noted that the Budget Working Group’s report was nearly out, and that changing the way lab fees, ticket revenue, etc., are credited to units is one important matter being discussed. Pres. Krise then responded to additional questions from the floor, from Erin McKenna (Philosophy) and Kirsten Christensen (Languages & Literatures).

Unfinished Business: [NONE]

New Business:

A. Steven Starkovich (Provost) introduced a motion to approve the academic calendar for 2016-17.

Resolved, That the Faculty Assembly approve the Academic Calendar 2016-17 as presented in Attachment A.

MOTION PASSED.

B. Michelle Ceynar (Psychology), chair of the Governance Committee, presented the committee’s nominations for a position on the Global Education Committee for 2014-16: Kory Brown, Business, and Sven Tuzovic, Business. There were no further nominations from the floor.

C. Richard Louie (Physics), chair of the Rank and Tenure Committee, introduced a motion to revise the Faculty Handbook regarding the policy on unit interpretations of criteria for tenure and promotion.

Resolved, That the Faculty Assembly approve the revision of the policy on unit interpretations of criteria for tenure and promotion in the Faculty Handbook, p. 93, and of the Rank and Tenure Committee Procedures, p. 96 (both in Section IV, Personnel Policies and Employment Benefits), as presented in Attachment C.

(A revised version of Attachment C was distributed at the meeting, adding the change to p. 96.) Speaking to the motion was Marit Trelstad (Religion). MOTION PASSED.
D. Gina Gillie (Music), chair of the Campus Life Committee, introduced a motion to allow someone not a member of the faculty to attend the upcoming discussion.

Resolved, That Sam Hosman, chair of the University Media Board, be allowed to attend the discussion regarding revisions to the Faculty Handbook with regards to the University Media Board, with right of voice.

MOTION PASSED.

E. Gina Gillie (Music), chair of the Campus Life Committee, introduced a motion to approve revisions to the description in the Faculty Handbook of the University Media Board.

Whereas, The student University Media Board has revised its Statement of Policy;
Whereas, The Campus Life Committee has reviewed and approved these changes;
Whereas, The portion of the Faculty Handbook pertaining to the University Media Board should reflect current policies and procedures for this group;
Resolved, That the description of the University Media Board (Faculty Handbook, Section II, pp. 51-52) be revised as presented in Attachment D.

MOTION PASSED.

F. Tina Saxowsky (Chemistry), chair of the Educational Policies Committee, introduced a motion to revise the registration process.

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

MOTION PASSED.

G. Tina Saxowsky (Chemistry), chair of the Educational Policies Committee, introduced a motion to adopt scheduling best-practice guidelines.

Resolved, That the faculty approve the Scheduling Best Practice Guidelines, to be published in the Faculty Handbook, as presented in Attachment F.

Speaking to the motion were Craig Fryhle (Chemistry), Kevin Berg (Registrar), Lynn Hunnicutt (Economics), Susan Harmon (Business), Jim Albrecht (English), Terry Miller (Nursing), Mary Ellard-Ivey (Biology), Rebekah Mergenthal (History), Laura McCloud (Sociology), Nancy Albers-Miller (Business), Dave Huelsbeck (Social Sciences), Jeff Stuart (Mathematics), Krisztina Nagy (Economics), Rebecca Wilkin (Languages & Literatures), David Ward (Marriage & Family Therapy), Steve Starkovich (Provost), Marit Trelstad (Religion), and Ann Auman (Biology).

Amy Siegesmund (Biology) moved to refer the motion back to the Educational Policies Committee. Speaking to the motion to refer were Jim Albrecht (English), Craig Fryhle (Chemistry), and Lynn Hunnicutt (Economics).

MOTION TO REFER PASSED.
Announcements and Communications:

A. 2014 Common Reading. Callista Brown (English), director of the First Year Experience Program, invited faculty to participate in the 2014 Common Reading event during student orientation on Sept. 5, by attending the faculty panel discussing *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* or by facilitating a student discussion group afterward. Those interested in facilitating a discussion group after the panel should get in contact with her by May 30.

B. Dave Robbins Tribute Concert. Edwin Powell (Music) announced that the Music faculty would be honoring Dave Robbins’ outstanding service as department chair for 33 years with a tribute concert on Thursday, May 22, at 8:00 p.m. in Lagerquist Concert Hall. The concert is free with a ticket.

C. Commencement and grade submissions. Kevin Berg (Registrar) announced that Commencement will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 24, and that spring-semester grades are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2. A new grade-entry module on Banner is being tested; anyone interested in being an early adopter should get in contact with him soon.

D. Academic Integrity Policy. Gina Gillie (Music), chair of the Campus Life Committee, provided an update of the committee’s work in revising the Academic Integrity Policy. The committee is still working with Student Life and the university lawyer. In the meantime, the current system continues to function – faculty are requested to continue reporting cases of academic dishonesty.

E. Strategic Plan update. Jon Grahe (Psychology), from the University Long-Range Planning Committee, described the committee’s work in generating a model connecting the Five Strategic Initiatives drawn from the PLU 2020 recommendations to Key Performance Indicators (KPI) and Specific Metrics. Three indicators called for special attention: Lutheran higher education, Market position, and Diversity, Justice & Sustainability. The committee’s model will be posted on the president’s office webpage soon and comments will be solicited towards the end of summer.

F. Lutheran Studies Conference. Samuel Torvend (Religion), University Chair in Lutheran Studies, announced that the fourth annual Lutheran Studies conference on September 25 would be devoted to the topic of Justice in Society, drawing on many different forms of expertise. Faculty are encouraged to watch for further information.

G. Board of Regents Report. Erin McKenna (Philosophy), Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents, reported eloquently on the May meeting of the Board, her last in this role.

Jill Whitman (Geosciences), Vice Chair of the Faculty, then took the floor to make the following motion:

Whereas Professor Wendelyn Shore

- Has served with distinction as Faculty Chair at Pacific Lutheran University, including chairing this assembly with diligence and care,
- And, has represented the faculty to the administration, to the Board of Regents, and to all other constituencies, effectively providing an honest and essential voice for the faculty during a time of major transition in the administration,
- And, has shown a dedication to the core mission of the university, leading through her transformative teaching and scholarship,
And, has consistently demonstrated a belief in the excellence of our institution, its faculty, and our system of governance, emphasizing the vital importance of good leadership, and recognizing that we deserve no less;

BE IT RESOLVED that the faculty of Pacific Lutheran University, on this day, May 9, 2014, meeting in assembly, commends and thanks Wendelyn Shore for her service to us and to Pacific Lutheran University.

The faculty rose to approve this resolution by giving Chair Shore a standing ovation.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith J. Cooper
Faculty Secretary