Call to Order: Jill Whitman, Chair of the Faculty, called the regular October meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. There were 127 persons in attendance.

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

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of Sept. 12, 2014: The minutes were approved as distributed.

Question and Answer Period with the President: President Thomas W. Krise answered a question sent him about the cut in travel funds and the expectation for tenure that one be active professionally. He noted that some matters were handled at the department/school level and encouraged faculty to work with their chairs and deans, and mentioned other potential resources being considered. He also answered a written question about the scope of the PLUTO initiative given past expressions of faculty positions on online education. Among other comments, he noted the way in which technology can enhance student-faculty interaction and affirmed that the university was not thinking of online courses as reaching students from other institutions.

Pres. Krise then responded to an additional question from the floor, from Kirsten Christensen (Languages & Literatures) about an amicus brief from Hobby Lobby on unionization litigation.

Unfinished Business: [NONE]

New Business:

A. Neal Yakelis (Chemistry), Chair of the Admission and Retention of Students Committee, introduced a motion to approve a revision to the Faculty Handbook.

Whereas, the current Faculty Handbook language does not accurately reflect the advisory membership of the Admission and Retention of Students Committee;

Resolved, That Section II, Part VII. Faculty Standing Committees, section 1 (page 34, Faculty Handbook, 8th edition) be revised as presented in Attachment A – but with the addition of correcting a misplaced “and.”

Speaking to the question was Jon Grahe (Psychology), who moved to amend the motion by substituting “a member of the Faculty Campus Life Committee” for “chair of the Faculty Campus Life Committee.” Speaking to the amendment were Lauri McCloud (Sociology), Amanda Sweger (Communication & Theatre), Samuel Torvend (Religion), Karen Travis (Economics) – from the Governance Committee – and Svend Rønning (Music). AMENDMENT PASSED.
Speaking to the amended motion were Svend Rønning (Music) and Amanda Sweger (Communication & Theatre). Svend Rønning (Music) then moved to amend the motion by changing “a member of the Faculty Campus Life Committee” to “a faculty member from the Campus Life Committee.” Speaking to the amendment was Joanna Gregson (Sociology). AMENDMENT FAILED.

The amended motion being voted on was to revise Section II, Part VII. Faculty Standing Committees, section 1 (page 34 of the Faculty Handbook, 8th edition) as follows:

**ADMISSION AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS**

Membership:
Six members elected from the faculty at large for three-year overlapping terms.

Advisory Membership:
Provoest, registrar, dean of admission enrollment services, director of academic advising, director of financial aid, vice president for student life, director of academic assistance, and chair a member of the Faculty Campus Life Committee, and one student selected by the Associated Students of PLU. Consistent with Article IV, Section 4, Subsection B, 7 and 8 of the Faculty Bylaws, advisory members shall have the same rights and privileges as any other member of the committee except the right to make motions and to vote.

**MOTION PASSED.**

B. Neal Yakelis (Chemistry), Chair of the Admission and Retention of Students Committee, introduced a motion to suspend the rules.

Resolved, That the faculty suspend the rules so as to allow Lorie Staab, Associate Director of Financial Aid, to attend the informal discussion regarding student retention and financial-aid considerations.

**MOTION PASSED** with the required two-thirds vote.

C. Neal Yakelis (Chemistry), Chair of the Admission and Retention of Students Committee, introduced a motion to hold an Informal Discussion.

Resolved, that the Faculty Assembly hold an Informal Discussion lasting no more than 10 minutes about how academic advising by faculty members can be enhanced by understanding student financial-aid guidelines. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 10 minutes will be provided prior to the discussion.

**MOTION PASSED.**

Following an opening presentation by Neal Yakelis (Chemistry), Hal DeLaRosby (Academic Advising), and Lorie Staab (Financial Aid), participating in the discussion were Teresa Ciabattari (Sociology), Amy Stewart-Mailhiot (Library), Agnes Choi
A motion was made by Steve Starkovich (Provost) to extend the informal discussion by 5 minutes. **MOTION PASSED.**

Additional discussion came from Hal DeLaRosby (Academic Advising), Neal Yakelis (Chemistry), Ann Auman (Biology), Lorie Staab (Financial Aid), and Joanne Lisosky (Communication & Theatre). Yellow sheets were available for additional input from faculty.

**Announcements and Communications:**

A. **Mid-Term Warnings and upcoming important dates to remember.** Hal DeLaRosby (Academic Advising) announced that mid-term warning rosters will be sent by campus mail the week of Oct. 13, and asked that they be returned to the Registrar’s Office no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30 – earlier if possible. In addition, Advising Week is Nov. 3-7 and registration for J-Term and Spring 2015 is Nov. 10-21. Advisors will receive mid-term warning reports and (as relevant) registration access codes for their advisees through email by the beginning of November.

B. **Screening of the documentary “Sweet Dreams.”** Kirsten Christensen (Languages & Literatures), Holocaust and Genocide Studies affiliated faculty, announced that the documentary *Sweet Dreams*, the story of a troupe of women drummers in Rwanda, would be shown on Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Regency Room, followed by a discussion with co-director and Academy Award winner Lisa Fruchtman and then an ice-cream social.

C. **30-day clock process.** Pauline Shanks Kaurin (Philosophy), Chair of the Governance Committee, reminded the assembly of the process whereby non-substantive editorial changes may be made to the Faculty Handbook by providing notice of proposed changes and giving faculty the opportunity to raise objections.

D. **Faculty Survey of Learning Spaces.** Agnes Choi (Religion), Chair of the Instructional Resources Committee, reminded the assembly of the committee’s charge to review the quality of learning spaces and set priorities for improvement. An upcoming brief survey will allow faculty to provide input to the committee; results will be presented to the faculty in spring 2015 and will inform future work of IRC.

E. **11th Annual Explore! Retreat.** Lynn Hunnicutt (Economics), Director of the Wild Hope Center for Vocation, invited faculty to be facilitators for the Explore! Retreat for first-year students, to be held Jan. 9-10, 2015 (on campus Friday evening and at Charles Wright Academy on Saturday). Remuneration is included. A training session for facilitator triads will take place Saturday, Nov. 15. More information may be obtained from Laree Winer (Student Life) or the Explore! website.
Adjournment:  The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty Secretary