Call to Order: Jill Whitman, Chair of the Faculty, called the regular September meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. There were 152 persons in attendance.

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

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of May 9, 2014: The minutes were approved as distributed.

Question and Answer Period with the President: President Thomas W. Krise answered a question sent him about ensuring the centrality of the university’s mission in budget and strategic-planning processes. He noted an example from today’s meeting of the Long-Range Planning Committee about unintended consequences of decisions. Pres. Krise then responded to an additional question from the floor, from Claudia Berguson (Languages & Literatures) about diversity/justice/sustainability.

Unfinished Business: [NONE]

New Business: [NONE]

Announcements and Communications:

A. Faculty Committee Chairs and Duties. Jill Whitman (Geosciences), Chair of the Faculty, reminded the faculty of the representation on the Faculty Executive Committee and invited the chairs of the eight faculty standing committees to introduce themselves and review the charge of their committee. (A roster of faculty committees was distributed at the door.)

B. New Career Fair Model. Catherine Swearingen, Executive Director of Career Connections, announced a new model of career fairs has been developed, seeking to target specific student groups with smaller fairs. In addition, her office is available to make class presentations.

C. Samuel Torvend (Religion), University Chair in Lutheran Studies, announced the Lutheran Studies Conference on “Justice in Society: Lutheran Sources of Social Change,” to take place Thursday, September 25. Some presentations are by PLU students, faculty, and staff, others by outside speakers.

D. Meant to Live Conference. Lynn Hunnicutt (Economics), Director of the Wild Hope Center for Vocation, announced the Meant to Live Conference, annually held at Homecoming. This year, alumni from the Division of Humanities will be featured, with a lecture about representing undocumented immigrants by Mary Beth Leeper (’00) at 6:30 on October 2 and also an Oct. 3 panel of Humanities alumni (11:15) discussing how their major has influenced their lives and careers. Faculty are encouraged to consider bringing classes to either event.
E. **Marking PLU’s 125th Anniversary.** Donna Gibbs, Vice President of Marketing and Communications, announced events and activities to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the university, including (a) our May commencement speaker – not to be shared publicly at this time; (b) a new recessional by Prof. Greg Youtz (Music) and a new *alma mater* in the works; (c) activities by student-athletes; (d) an ecumenical conference in November 2015, planned to feature bishops from several Christian groups; and (e) potentially a Tacoma Art Museum exhibit in spring 2016. She also invited faculty to consider innovative ways to mark our anniversary and offered the assistance of her division in getting the word out.

F. **Human Participants Review Board.** Christine Hansvick (Psychology), interim chair of HPRB, provided a friendly reminder that the board is here to help faculty receive approval for research studies involving human participants. This will help keep the university in compliance with federal guidelines and is often required for submissions to academic journals and conferences.

G. **Electronic Advising Notes in Banner Web.** Hal DeLaRosby, Director of Academic Advising, announced a new faculty tool available in Banner Web enabling faculty to save and retrieve advising notes online – thus allowing for more intentional work with students when notes from previous advising meetings may be accessed. Faculty advisors are being emailed more information this afternoon.

H. **Retention.** Kris Plaehn, Senior Advisor to the President, noted the crucial importance of faculty to the retention effort and invited faculty to seek assistance if a student has needs, or questions, outside their area of expertise. One vital component is to let the Registrar know in the coming week of students on your rosters who have not attended a given course.

I. **University House Barbecue.** Norris Peterson (Economics), from the University House board, provided a reminder about University House activities and invited all those present to come to the picnic, which begins . . . ready . . . now.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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