Motion to revise the Commencement Participation Policy – Tina Saxowsky (Chemistry), Educational Policies Committee – ACTION ITEM.

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

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.

Graduation and Commencement

There are four degree award dates (August, December, January, and May). Degrees are formally recognized at Fall and Spring commencements. Students must have completed their degree the previous August, December, or January or be enrolled in their final classes in the Spring term to participate. Students intending to complete their degree the August following the Spring ceremony may petition the Office of the Provost to participate in the Spring ceremony. Students with a January degree date participate in the Fall commencement. Students with an August degree date participate in the Spring commencement. Participation in a commencement ceremony and/or inclusion of a student’s name in the commencement bulletin does not indicate that a degree will be awarded. All degree requirements must be successfully completed by the term deadline for a degree to be awarded. The actual term of degree completion recorded is the graduation date on the permanent records.

Changes are indicated using **bold** to signify additions or changes and *strike-through* to indicate deletion.