1. Call to Order

2. Opening Prayer – Rev. Nancy Connor, University Pastor

3. Approval of Minutes of the October 10, 2014, Meeting

4. Question and Answer Period – President Krise

5. Unfinished Business:

6. New Business:

   A. Motion to approve graduation candidates for December 2014, pending completion of all requirements – Steven Starkovich, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. ACTION ITEM.

      Resolved, that the Faculty Assembly approve the graduation candidates for December 2014, pending completion of all requirements.

   B. Nomination for special election to fill vacancy for Spring 2015 on Admission & Retention of Students – Pauline Shanks Kaurin (Philosophy), Governance Committee. Attachment A. ACTION ITEM.

   C. Motion to approve revisions to the Faculty Handbook, Part VII, Faculty Affairs Committee General Purpose – Pauline Shanks Kaurin (Philosophy), Governance Committee. ACTION ITEM.

      Whereas, the current Faculty Handbook language is unclear;

      Resolved, that Part VII, Section 4.C, of the Faculty Handbook be revised as presented in Attachment B.

   D. Motion to create the Committee on Honorary Degrees – Pauline Shanks Kaurin (Philosophy), Governance Committee. ACTION ITEM.

      Whereas, the Faculty Handbook calls for the president to convene an ad hoc university awards committee to consider nominations for honorary degrees;
Whereas, the ad hoc university awards committee has ongoing business and meets consistently throughout the academic year; and

Whereas, the policies and procedures of the ad hoc university awards committee require revision for clarification and consistency with practice;

Resolved, that the Faculty Assembly removes the Honorary Degrees section from the Faculty Handbook (Section III, Part VII, Section 1, pp. 74-75, 8th edition) and establishes the University Committee on Honorary Degrees, a university standing committee whose general purpose is to solicit and review nominations for honorary degrees. The required legislation, including the membership and specific duties, are included as Attachment C.

E. Motion to approve revisions to the Faculty Handbook, Section III, Part III, Academic Integrity Policy – Michael Schleeter (Philosophy), Campus Life Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Whereas, the Campus Life Committee is charged with the task of reviewing PLU’s academic integrity policy every three years;

Whereas, PLU’s current academic integrity policy does not accurately reflect recent changes in university practices and institutions;

Whereas, PLU’s current academic integrity policy does not enable faculty members formally to distinguish between minor and major violations of the policy;

Whereas, PLU’s current academic integrity policy could better enable staff members to monitor the quantity and nature of academic dishonesty incidents and to track students who repeatedly commit acts of academic dishonesty; and

Whereas, PLU’s current academic integrity policy could better enable students suspected of violations of the policy to receive additional education in order to avoid future violations or suspected violations;

Resolved, that the academic integrity policy, as included in Section III, Part III of the Faculty Handbook (pages 58, 59, and 61, 8th edition), be revised as presented in Attachment D.

7. Announcements and Communications:

A. Peace Scholars Program – Claudia Berguson (Languages & Literatures), Global Education Committee

B. Board Report – Kevin O’Brien (Religion), Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents