Call to Order: Jill Whitman, Chair of the Faculty, called the regular March meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. There were 117 persons in attendance.

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

Comments from the Chair. Jill Whitman provided some reflections about the process for faculty meetings in the interest of strong faculty governance.

Question and Answer Period with the President: President Thomas W. Krise had received a question about how the university would move forward with policies for contingent faculty, now that the union petition has been withdrawn. The two most important issues, he said, seem to be compensation and governance, and he spoke to both of those.

A follow-up question from the floor from Matt Luth (Business), for the Faculty Affairs Committee, concerned shorter-term priorities for implementing the university’s mission. Pres. Krise mentioned both the Box Resolution and recent work of the Long-Range Planning Committee on setting goals for units, including most recently discussion with the Center for Community Engagement and Service. He also spoke to the model of the New American University.

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of Feb. 13, 2015: The minutes were approved as distributed, seeming none the worse for wear for having had to delay receiving such validation.

Unfinished Business:

A. Pauline Shanks Kaurin (Philosophy), Chair of the Governance Committee, provided the THIRD READING of a motion to revise the Faculty Bylaws.

   Whereas, the current Faculty Handbook language is unclear; and

   Whereas, confirming election results ought to be handled by more than any one individual to ensure transparency;

   Resolved, that Article III, Section 2.C., of the Faculty Bylaws be revised as presented in Attachment A.

   MOTION PASSED.
B. Svend Rønning (Music), Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, introduced a motion to amend the Bylaws to the Faculty Constitution. **SECOND READING.**

Whereas, the faculty of Pacific Lutheran University and its governing documents repeatedly mention the role of academic freedom as a central principle of the academy; and

Whereas, the Bylaws of Pacific Lutheran University do not reference Pacific Lutheran University’s Principles of Academic Freedom;

Resolved, that the Faculty Bylaws, Article III, Section 1, be revised to reference Pacific Lutheran University’s Principles of Academic Freedom as presented in Attachment B.

No written amendments to this motion had been submitted. The third reading will be at the April meeting of the Faculty Assembly, when the motion will come to a vote.

New Business:

A. Pauline Shanks Kaurin (Philosophy), Chair of the Governance Committee, introduced a motion to revise the Faculty Handbook concerning certifying of faculty elections:

Resolved, that Section II, Part V and Part VII, Section 6, of the Faculty Handbook be revised as presented in Attachment C.

**MOTION PASSED.**

B. Martin Wurm (Economics), Chair of the Educational Policies Committee, introduced a motion to hold an Informal Discussion.

Resolved, that the faculty hold an Informal Discussion lasting no longer than 15 minutes regarding the establishment of best practices for weekly scheduling. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 10 minutes will be provided.

**MOTION PASSED.**

Following an opening presentation by Martin Wurm (Economics) and Neal Yakelis (Chemistry), Chair of the Admission and Retention of Students Committee, participating in the discussion were Karen McConnell (Kinesiology), Jeff Stuart (Mathematics), Dave Huelsbeck (Social Sciences), Nancy Miller (Business), Ann Auman (Biology), Brian Naasz (Chemistry), James Albrecht (Humanities), Karen Travis (Economics), Andrea Munro (Chemistry), Dana Zaichkin (Nursing), Rebekah Mergenthal (History), Norris Peterson (Economics), and Bea Geller (Art & Design).
C. Agnes Choi (Religion), Chair of the Instructional Resources Committee, introduced a motion to hold an Informal Discussion.

Resolved, that the faculty hold an Informal Discussion lasting no longer than 15 minutes regarding the results of the IRC Faculty Study of Learning Spaces. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 10 minutes will be provided.

MOTION PASSED.

Following an opening presentation by Agnes Choi (Religion), Amy Young (Communication & Theatre), and Dave Veazey (University Assessment, Accreditation & Research), participating in the discussion were Karen Travis (Economics), Lorena Guerrero (Nursing), Craig Fryhle (Chemistry), John Paul (Music), Anna Leon-Guerrero (Finance & Administration), Elisabeth Ward (Scandinavian Cultural Center), Cameron Bennett (Arts & Communication), and Dave Huelsbeck (Social Sciences).

Announcements and Communications:

A. Election slate and process. Pauline Shanks Kaurin (Philosophy), Chair of the Governance Committee, thanked faculty for completing the committee preference survey and explained the process by which Governance would be putting together the election slate for committee elections this spring.

B. Deadline for EPC proposals. Martin Wurm (Economics), Chair of the Educational Policies Committee, noted the fast-approaching April 1 deadline for submitting proposals for J-Term or Spring 2016.

C. Soliciting input on the Computer Engineering proposal. Martin Wurm (Economics), Chair of the Educational Policies Committee, announced that EPC was asked by the Department of Computer Science & Computer Engineering to reconsider the proposal to eliminate the Computer Engineering major. Input from any interested party is welcome, by March 31; the proposal may come back to the faculty at our April meeting. The original EPC proposal is available on the Office of the Provost Sakai site under Resources (in the EPC folder, NCC--January 2015).

D. Midterm Warning process. Kevin Berg (Registrar) and Hal DeLaRosby (Academic Advising) announced that the current midterm-warning process would continue to be followed this semester, even as a revision to the process is being considered.

E. Advising and Registration. Hal DeLaRosby (Academic Advising) and Kevin Berg (Registrar) announced that all undergraduate students have been informed they will need to get their registration access code from their academic advisor prior to registering for summer and fall courses. They also noted important advising and registration dates.
F. **NWCCU report on intellectual property, academic freedom, and credit-hour policy.** Steven Starkovich (Provost) announced that PLU’s intellectual property policy and the Faculty Assembly’s statement of academic freedom may be found on the Provost website under the faculty governance link, [www.plu.edu/provost/faculty-governance/](http://www.plu.edu/provost/faculty-governance/). These were part of the university’s recent report to our regional accreditor, as was our credit-hour policy, found in the section [www.plu.edu/registrar/academic-dates-deadlines/](http://www.plu.edu/registrar/academic-dates-deadlines/). The next accreditation report is now not due until March 2018.

G. **2015 Common Reading.** Jan Lewis (Associate Provost) announced the Common Reading selection for next year, *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer.

H. **Wild Hope Fellows applications and PLU Day of Vocation.** Lynn Hunnicutt (Economics), Director of the Wild Hope Center for Vocation, announced a series of events for the Day of Vocation on April 8, encouraging faculty to bring their classes; more information is on the Wild Hope website. She also noted the March 27 deadline for students to apply to be one of five Wild Hope Fellows next year.

I. **125th Anniversary Exhibition.** Elisabeth Ward (Scandinavian Cultural Center), a member of the anniversary committee, announced a traveling exhibition, “Education on the Frontier,” which will open at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle on Sept. 26 before moving on to other cities. She invited faculty to suggest immigrant and first-generation students, and immigrant faculty members, to be included.

J. **Wang Center grants and faculty survey.** Tamara Williams (Wang Center) announced the Wang Center grant cycle, inviting faculty to apply by March 31, and also an upcoming survey of faculty to provide a snapshot of current diversity among university faculty and staff.

K. **Women’s Center 25th Anniversary Celebration.** Seth Dowland (Religion), from the Women’s Center Advisory Board, invited faculty to tonight’s celebration of the Women Center’s 25th anniversary in Memorial Gymnasium: “Party Like It’s 1989.” A short program will take place at 8:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty Secretary