1. Call to Order

2. Opening Prayer – Rev. Dennis Sepper, University Pastor

3. Approval of Minutes of the March 13, 2015, Meeting

4. Question and Answer Period – President Krise

5. Unfinished Business:
   A. Motion to amend the Bylaws to the Faculty Constitution – Justin Lytle (Chemistry), Faculty Affairs Committee. THIRD AND FINAL 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 A.

6. New Business:
   A. Motion to approve degree candidates – Steven Starkovich, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

   Resolved, that the Faculty Assembly approve the Candidates for Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees for Spring 2015, pending successful completion of all degree requirements.

   B. Motion to approve the Academic Calendar for 2017-18 – Steven Starkovich, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

   Resolved, that the Faculty Assembly approve the Academic Calendar for 2017-18 as presented in Attachment B.

   C. Nominations for 2015-16 Faculty Committees – Pauline Shanks Kaurin (Philosophy), Governance Committee. Attachment C.
D. Motion to add the scheduling best practices presented in Attachment D as a recommendation – Martin Wurm (Economics), Educational Policies Committee and Neal Yakelis (Chemistry), Admission and Retention of Students Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Whereas, the university currently has no policy or codified practice of scheduling classes throughout the week;

Whereas, better weekly scheduling of classes and planning of the weekly schedule could improve the utilization of capacity and make it easier for students to meet their class requirements; and

Whereas, improvement of scheduling practices serve to improve admission and retention of students,

Resolved, that the faculty adopt the scheduling best practices document as a recommendation, to be added to the Chairs and Program Directors Resources Sakai Folder and the Registrar’s website.

E. Motion for an Informal Discussion regarding revision of the EPC manual – Martin Wurm (Economics), Educational Policies Committee. ACTION ITEM. Attachments E (attached to the electronic version only. See below for Sakai links).

Resolved, that the faculty hold an informal discussion lasting no longer than 10 minutes regarding the revision of the EPC manual. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 10 minutes will be provided. Discussion will be led by representatives from the Educational Policies Committee.

Attachments E are posted in the OFFICE OF THE PROVOST>Educational Policies Committee Sakai resources.

https://sakai.plu.edu/access/content/group/4903f331-00af-4933-8080-6822b07ec77f/Educational%20Policies%20Committee/April%202015%20FA%20EPC_Manual_Revised.pdf (proposed revision, E1)

https://sakai.plu.edu/access/content/group/4903f331-00af-4933-8080-6822b07ec77f/Educational%20Policies%20Committee/Apr%202015%20FA%20EPC_Manual_Current.pdf (current, E2)

F. Motion for an Informal Discussion regarding Course/Teaching Evaluation forms and procedures – JoDee Keller (Social Work), Rank & Tenure Committee. ACTION ITEM. Attachment F.

Resolved, that the faculty hold an Informal Discussion lasting no longer than 20 minutes regarding anticipated changes to the current "Student Evaluation of Teaching" form and mode of administering the form. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 10 minutes will be provided. Discussion will be led by representatives from the Rank and Tenure Committee.

7. Announcements and Communications:

A. NCAA Division III Week and Postgraduate Scholarships – Keith Cooper (Philosophy), Faculty Athletics Representative

B. Lutheran Studies Conference – Samuel Torvend (Religion), University Chair in Lutheran Studies

C. Update on EPC review of the CE major – Martin Wurm (Economics), Educational Policies Committee