1. Call to Order

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

3. Approval of Minutes of the April 10, 2015, Meeting

4. Question and Answer Period — President Krise

5. Unfinished Business:

6. New Business:

   A. Nomination for special election to fill vacancies on 2015-16 Global Education Committee, Instructional Resources Committee, and Rank and Tenure Committee — Pauline Shanks Kaurin (Philosophy), Governance Committee. Attachment A. ACTION ITEM.

   B. Motion to approve revisions to the Faculty Handbook regarding Faculty Personnel Policy — Svend Rønning (Music), Faculty Affairs Committee. ACTION ITEM.

   Whereas, the faculty of Pacific Lutheran University has formally affirmed the AAUP Principles of Academic Freedom; and

   Whereas, the Faculty Bylaws, Article III, Section 1, now reference the yet-to-be-adopted “Pacific Lutheran University Principles of Academic Freedom”;

   Resolved, that Section IV, Personnel Policies and Employee Benefits, Part IV, Faculty Personnel Policy, Section 1, be revised as presented in Attachment B.

   C. Motion to approve revisions to the Faculty Handbook regarding Teaching Evaluations — JoDee Keller (Social Work), Rank and Tenure Committee. ACTION ITEM.

   Whereas, the current Faculty Handbook language is overly prescriptive regarding the course evaluation process;

   Whereas, the university will be moving toward online completion of course evaluations; and

   Whereas, the primary purpose of course evaluations shall be to provide faculty with feedback to improve pedagogy;

   Resolved, that Section III, Academic Policies, Procedures, and Services, Part VII, Section 3G, Teaching Evaluations, be revised as presented in Attachment C.
D. Motion to approve revisions to the Faculty Handbook regarding Mid-Term Warnings – Neal Yakelis, Admission and Retention of Students Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Whereas, the Admission and Retention of Students Committee has reviewed the current practices of mid-term warnings;

Whereas, improvements to those practices are planned in order to offer more flexibility and facilitate effective communication among faculty, students, and their academic advisors when early warning signs of academic difficulty emerge; and

Whereas, the current Faculty Handbook language must be modified in order to alter the current mid-term warning protocols,

Resolved, that Section III, Academic Policies, Procedures, and Services, Part VII, Section 3E, Mid-Term Warning, be revised as presented in Attachment D.

E. Motion for an Informal Discussion on a revised attendance policy – Keith Cooper (Philosophy), for the Faculty Executive Committee. Attachment E. ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that the faculty hold an Informal Discussion lasting no longer than 20 minutes regarding proposed revisions to the class attendance policy. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 10 minutes will be provided. Discussion will be led by representatives from the Faculty Executive Committee.

7. Announcements and Communications:

A. Electronic Faculty Reporting (eFAR) – Steven Starkovich, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

B. Mellon Grant proposal – Steven Starkovich, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

C. Phi Kappa Phi honor society – Steven Starkovich, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

D. Common Reading Updates – Amy Stewart-Mailhiot (Library), Common Reading Committee

E. Commencement and the King’s Visit – Kris Plaehn, Senior Advisor to the President