

**PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY ASSEMBLY MINUTES
Friday, March 11, 2016**

Call to Order: Jill Whitman, Chair of the Faculty, called 92 people to order for the regular March meeting at 4:01pm.

Opening Prayer – John Rosenberg, Interim Campus Pastor, offered an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the February 12, 2016 Meeting were approved as distributed.

Question and Answer Period – President Krise did not receive a question.

Unfinished Business: [NONE]

New Business:

- A. Amy Young (Communication & Theatre), Instructional Resources Committee proposed a motion for an Informal Discussion regarding faculty priorities for instructional resources in the upcoming capital campaign as included in Attachment A:

Resolved, that the faculty hold an Informal Discussion lasting no longer than 20 minutes regarding the articulation and advocacy of faculty priorities for instructional resources in the upcoming capital campaign. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 5 minutes will be provided. Discussion will be led by the Chair of IRC.

Speaking to the Motion: Amy Young (Communication & Theatre)

MOTION PASSED

Following a very brief presentation by Amy Young (Chair of Instructional Resources), speaking to the informal discussion: Karen Travis (Economics), Antonios Finitis (Religion), Elisabeth Ward (Scandinavian Area Studies), Kirsten Christensen (Languages & Literatures), Ron Byrnes (Education), Mike Behrens (Biology), Agnes Choi (Religion), Spencer Ebbinga (Art & Design), Mike Halvorson (History), Jp Avila (Art & Design), David Allen (Instructional Technology).

- B. Steven Starkovich (Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs) and the Strategic Enrollment Management Advisory Committee (SEMAC) proposed a motion for an Informal Discussion regarding the Philosophy of Enrollment as included in Attachment B:

Resolved, that the faculty hold an Informal Discussion lasting no longer than 20 minutes regarding the Philosophy of Enrollment. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 10 minutes will be provided. The discussion will be led by the Provost and members of SEMAC.

Speaking to the Motion: Steven Starkovich (Provost)

MOTION PASSED

Following a short presentation by Steven Starkovich, speaking to the informal discussion: Kirsten Christensen (Languages & Literatures), Steven Starkovich (Provost), Karen Travis (Economics), Troy Storfjell (Languages & Literatures), Mike Behrens (Biology), Amy Stewart-Mailhiot (Library), Ron Byrnes (Education), Mike Halvorson (History), Lynn Hunnicutt (Economics), David Ward (Marriage & Family Therapy), Claudia Berguson (Languages & Literatures), David Hueslbeck (Anthropology), Elisabeth Ward (Scandinavian Area Studies),.

- C. Jan Lewis (Office of the Provost) and Joanna Royce-Davis (Student Life), Co-Chairs, University Diversity Committee and Nathalie op de Beeck (English), Chair, University Sustainability Committee proposed a motion for an Informal Discussion regarding a proposal to create a Diversity, Justice, and Sustainability Council to replace the current University Diversity Committee as included in Attachment C:

Resolved, that the faculty hold an Informal Discussion lasting no longer than 20 minutes regarding a proposal from the University Diversity Committee and the University Sustainability Committee to revise the focus and membership of the University Diversity Committee to a Council for Diversity, Justice, and Sustainability. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 5 minutes will be provided. The discussion will be led by the Co-Chairs of the University Diversity Committee and the Chair of the University Sustainability Committee.

Speaking to the Motion: Jan Lewis (Office of the Provost)

MOTION PASSED

Following a brief presentation by Jan Lewis, Joanna Royce-Davis and Nathalie op de Beeck, speaking to the informal discussion: Jan Lewis (Office of the Provost), Teresa Ciabattari (Sociology), Joanna Gregson (Sociology), Nathalie op de Beeck (English), Norris Peterson (Economics), Kevin O'Brien (Religion), Karen Travis (Economics), Claudia Berguson (Languages & Literatures), Mike Behrens (Biology), Andrea Munro (Chemistry), Lynn Hunnicutt (Economics), Troy Storfjell (Languages & Literatures), Wendy Shore (Psychology).

Announcements and Communications:

- A. Report on Strategic Framework - Thomas Krise (President) presented a brief distillation of his presentation to the Board of Regents about how *Integrated Education* is the best way to articulate what makes a PLU education especially distinctive. In addition to an important and well-supported mission statement, the PLU community has articulated nine qualities (three sets of three) that define our unique educational environment: a focus on 1) global education, 2) the discernment of vocation, and 3) close collaborative student-faculty research (PLU 2010); a focus on 4) diversity, 5) justice, and 6) sustainability (PLU2020); and our role as a New American University, purposefully integrating 7) the liberal arts, 8) professional studies, and 9) civic engagement (Krise 2016). He described that our achieving this Integrated Education is an audacious goal and called on the whole community to engage in the pursuit of this special distinctiveness. A video of the Board of Regents presentation will be sent by email for those who'd like to see a fuller treatment of the idea.
- B. Slate process and Spring Election – Karen Travis (Economics), representing Governance using a graph, informed the assembly about the complicated development of the election slate prior to its being presented to the faculty so that everyone is aware of “their odds” and why being “too busy” is not a reasonable excuse.

- C. Call for Applications for the Wild Hope Fellowship - Lynn Hunnicutt (Economics), Wild Hope Center for Vocation requested faculty help in publicizing the call for applications for the Wild Hope Fellowship. Starting next September, the center will select five Wild Hope fellows to go through a series of workshops which will equip them to consider their own vocations, and to serve as role models and mentors to their fellow students. The pay for these fellows is up to \$1,000, for which they give 100 hours of their time spread throughout the year. The handout distributed at Assembly is available on the Wild Hope website (www.plu.edu/vocation). Recommendations are welcome. Please feel free to contact Lynn Hunnicutt or Samuel Torvend for more information. The application deadline this year is April 15.

Additionally, the second-ever PLU Day of Vocation will take place on Wednesday, April 6. We've got a series of events planned including (but not limited to) a panel of alumni and their faculty mentors, a conversation between PLU faculty on the understanding of vocation in various religious communities and a discussion of vocation in athletics and recreation. This year, we're kicking off the Day of Vocation on Tuesday, April 5 at 7pm with a talk by PLU alumna and regent, Michelle Long. The Day of Vocation is also featured on the Wild Hope website. Events follow class schedules.

- D. Updates from ASPLU - Bridget Yaden (Languages and Literatures), Campus Life Committee made a short announcement from Martha Spieker and Ellie Lapp, current ASPLU Executives who wanted to update faculty on their work and encourage collaboration on important discussions at PLU. ASPLU consists of two executives, 15 senators (two from each class, one on campus, one off campus, and five at large). These students represent diverse opinions and interests around the institution. They are currently working on a variety of projects, which include conversations about the Philosophy of Enrollment, recognizing Veterans Day as a holiday, sponsoring conversations on religious diversity and accessibility, making the green fund a "DJS" fund, and more. Faculty were encouraged to engage with student representatives and to feel free to reach out to Martha asplupres@plu.edu or Ellie aspluvp@plu.edu to answer your additional questions or to be further involved. You can also email Bridget directly and she'll share your questions with ASPLU.
- E. Annual Celebration of Inspirational Women - Michael Zbaraschuk (Religion), Women's Center Advisory Board invited faculty to attend the annual Celebration of Inspirational Women. This year's theme is (r)Evolution, and we will be honoring female-identified faculty, staff, students and alums who exemplify the values of change and growth. Four women will be held up for special recognition: Dr. Mary Ellard-Ivey from Biology, staff member Jennifer Warwick--the Associate Director of the Women's Center and Victim Advocate who will be leaving PLU at the end of the semester, student activist Quenessa Long, and alum and Senior Associate to the Vice President of Student Life, Laree Winer. The Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, March 17th in the Scan Center. A reception will be held @ 5:15pm and the program begins at 6pm. A sundae bar (sugar) and no-host bar (alcohol) will be on hand. They will also be announcing the new name of the Women's Center.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty Secretary