

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY



FACULTY ASSEMBLY MEETING
Friday, May 13, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.
Rieke Science Center – Leraas Lecture Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer – John Rosenberg, Interim Campus Pastor
3. Approval of Minutes of the April 15, 2016, Meeting
4. Question and Answer Period – Thomas W. Krise, President
5. Unfinished Business: None
6. New Business:
 - A. Motion to approve the August 2016 graduation candidates - Steven Starkovich, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that the Faculty Assembly approve the August 2016 graduate candidates, pending successful completion of all degree requirements.
 - B. Nomination for special election to fill vacancy on the University Long Range Planning Committee – Karen Travis (Economics), Governance Committee. Attachment A. ACTION ITEM.
 - C. Motion to approve a Peace Corps Prep Certificate – Keith Cooper (Philosophy), Educational Policies Committee, and Rose McKenney (Geosciences), Global Education Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that the faculty complete the process of becoming a Peace Corps Prep institution by approving a Peace Corps Prep Certificate program as detailed in Attachment B.
 - D. Motion to approve revisions to the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog, Undergraduate Academic Policies and Procedures – Jacob Egge (Biology) and Hal DeLaRosby (Academic Advising), Admission and Retention of Students Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Whereas, the Admission and Retention of Students Committee has reviewed the current academic standing policy;

Whereas, the retention rate for students placed on First Semester Warning and Academic Probation is extremely low;

Whereas, the university makes an implicit commitment to help admitted students succeed;

Whereas, new approaches are necessary to support students who struggle academically and improve their retention; and

Whereas, the current catalog language describing academic standing policy must be modified to allow for these new approaches;

Resolved, that Undergraduate Academic Policies and Procedures, p. 54 in the 2015-2016 Catalog, be revised as presented in Attachment C.

- E. Motion to approve revisions to the Faculty Handbook, Section II, Part X. Councils, Section 4. General Education Council. C. – Karen Travis (Economics) Governance Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Whereas, a discrepancy exists between the General Education Council description in the Bylaws and the Handbook; and

Whereas, the General Education Council reviewed the discrepancy and found that the description in the Bylaws to be most appropriate;

Resolved, that the Faculty Handbook be revised, as presented in Attachment D, to include a description of the General Education Council that is consistent with the duties previously approved in the Bylaws.

7. Announcements and Communications:

- A. PLU Comprehensive Campaign Update - Daniel Lee, Vice President for Advancement
- B. Spring final grades due date and Banner faculty grade entry - Kevin Berg, Registrar
- C. eFAR submission - Seth Dowland (Religion), Faculty Affairs Committee
- D. Board of Regents Report - Kevin O'Brien (Religion), Faculty Representative to the Board