

**PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY**



**FACULTY ASSEMBLY MEETING**  
**Friday, September 16, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.**  
Rieke Science Center – Leraas Lecture Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer – Rev. Jen Rude, University Pastor
3. Approval of Minutes of the May 13, 2016, Meeting
4. Question and Answer Period – Thomas W. Krise, President
5. Unfinished Business:
6. New Business:
  - A. Nomination for special election to fill vacancies on Instructional Resources Committee – Andrea Munro (Chemistry), Governance Committee. Attachment A. ACTION ITEM.
  - B. Motion to change the Spring 2017 Commencement date – Amy Stewart-Mailhiot (Library Services) and Kristin Plaehn (President’s Office), Admission and Retention of Students Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Whereas, the Faculty Handbook, Section III, Part VII, Section 5, Part D, Section 4h specifies that “Commencement is on Saturday following the last day of Final Exam Week and takes place no later than Memorial Day weekend”;

Whereas, the Tacoma Dome has confirmed that it is unavailable to PLU for commencement on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday of Memorial Day weekend 2017; and

Whereas, Faculty Assembly previously voted to hold the 2017 Commencement on May 27, 2017 and any change to the Academic Calendar requires faculty approval;

*Resolved*, that the 2017 Commencement ceremony be held on Thursday evening, May 25, 2017.

- C. Motion for an Informal Discussion regarding upper-division courses – Keith Cooper (Philosophy), Educational Policies Committee, and Jan Lewis (Associate Provost), General Education Council. ACTION ITEM.

*Resolved*, that the faculty hold an Informal Discussion lasting no longer than 20 minutes regarding issues surrounding upper-division courses, including their role in the General Education Program. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 8 minutes will be provided. Discussion will be led by the chairs of EPC and the General Education Council.

7. Announcements and Communications:

- A. Introduction of Faculty Committee Chairs and review of committees' charges – Joanna Gregson (Sociology), Chair of the Faculty
- B. Lutheran Studies Conference on September 29, 2016 – Samuel Torvend (Religion), University Chair in Lutheran Studies
- C. Continuing Education Call for Proposals – Geoff Foy (Graduate Programs & Continuing Education), Associate Provost
- D. Withdrawal fee – Kevin Berg, Registrar
- E. Announcement Protocol – Michelle Ceynar (Psychology), Vice Chair of the Faculty