

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY



FACULTY ASSEMBLY MEETING Friday, November 11, 2016 – 4:00 p.m. Rieke Science Center – Leraas Lecture Hall

Call to Order – Chair Gregson called 128 people to order at 4:03 pm for the regular November meeting, while showing the photo of the faculty Bjug Harstad beards taken during the October meeting.

Opening Prayer – Rev. Jen Rude, University Pastor, offered an opening prayer with a theme of a blessing for citizenship.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the October 14, 2016 meeting were approved as distributed.

Question and Answer Period – President Krise received two questions prior to the meeting, and one from the floor. He responded to all questions. The President also invited Provost Rae Linda Brown to address questions related to the budget working groups, and to update the entire faculty on the work of the groups.

- The first question sent to President Krise was regarding the costs associated with the 100-Mile Reception and the Christmas Luncheon in relation to the university's budget.
- A second question sent to President Krise was about how PLU plans to protect students of color and LGBTQ students, especially considering our contemporary political environment.
- The one question from the floor was regarding the budget working groups and communication to faculty of their work, and how that communication could reach all faculty. President Krise announced that there would be an opportunity to talk further on November 16th and 17th. An email will be sent from the President's office with the exact times and locations.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Motion to revise the Faculty Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4B, as shown in Attachment A – Andrea Munro (Chemistry), Governance Committee. **SECOND READING**

Whereas, when the language in the Bylaws Article IV, Section 4B 12 & 13 was written, there were only faculty standing committees described in the Faculty Handbook;

Whereas, each member of the faculty standing committees is elected by the Faculty Assembly;

Whereas, the Faculty Handbook language describing the rules for ad hoc, standing, and joint committees should be clear; and

Whereas, a faculty member may serve in an elected position on a standing faculty committee while serving in an unelected position on a standing university committee,

Resolved, that the Bylaws Article IV, Section 4B be revised as presented in Attachment A.

SPEAKING TO THE MOTION: [None]

- B. Motion to revise the description of the General Education Council in the Faculty Bylaws, Article IV, Section 5, B1, as shown in Attachment B – Andrea Munro (Chemistry), Governance Committee. SECOND READING

Whereas, the description of the General Education Council should be consistent throughout the Faculty Handbook;

Whereas, Faculty Assembly voted to revise the description of the General Education Council in Section II of the Faculty Handbook at the May 2016 meeting; and

Whereas, the description clarifies the relationship between the General Education Council and the Educational Policies Committee,

Resolved, that the Faculty Bylaws Article IV, Section 5B1 be revised as presented in Attachment B.

SPEAKING TO THE MOTION: [None]

New Business:

None

Announcements and Communications:

- A. Provost's Report – Rae Linda Brown (Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs)

(The Provost delivered her report during the President's question and answer period.)

- B. Faculty Election Survey of Chairs/Unit Heads – Andrea Munro (Chemistry), Governance Committee

Andrea Munro announced a survey that will be sent to all program chairs in preparation for the next committee election ballot, asking for prompt participation.

- C. Faculty Executive Committee Update – Michelle Ceynar (Psychology), Faculty Vice Chair

Vice Chair Ceynar explained that FEC has looked at the rosters of the working groups surrounding retention and identified the places where elected faculty members are already represented in those groups. They also identified the areas where our existing committees should be involved in understanding the data collected, reviewing recommendations made by the working groups and developing strategies as we move forward following the Nov 23rd deadline. She assured faculty assembly that the faculty governance system is involved, faculty are being consulted and FEC is watching the process to ensure that it aligns with our existing procedures as outlined in the

Faculty Handbook. Lastly, she thanked faculty for completing the survey about faculty/administration/board communication and explained that she and Joanna are analyzing the results and will report findings to the Board of Regents and Faculty Assembly in December.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm, with Chair Gregson thanking the assembly for attending during such a difficult week, and encouraging everyone to take care of ourselves and each other.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jordan Levy
Faculty Secretary