

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY



**FACULTY ASSEMBLY MEETING
Friday, December 9, 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 November 11, 2016, Meeting
4. Question and Answer Period – Thomas W. Krise, President
5. Unfinished Business:

- A. Motion to revise the Faculty Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4B – Andrea Munro (Chemistry), Governance Committee. **THIRD AND FINAL READING. ACTION ITEM.**

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 Faculty Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4B, be revised as presented in Attachment A.

- B. Motion to revise the description of the General Education Council in the Faculty Bylaws – Andrea Munro (Chemistry), Governance Committee. **THIRD AND FINAL READING. ACTION ITEM.**

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.

6. New Business:

- A. Motion to approve December 2016 and January 2017 degree candidates – Amy Stewart-Mailhiot (Library), Admission & Retention of Students Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that the Faculty Assembly approve the December 2016 and January 2017 degree candidates, pending completion of all requirements.

- B. Motion to revise the Academic Calendar Guidelines – Amy Stewart-Mailhiot (Library), Admission & Retention of Students Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Whereas, research indicates that early, meaningful connections to faculty and staff are a key factor in retaining students;

Whereas, academic advising provides a required, ongoing opportunity for student interactions with a university representative;

Whereas, group academic advising meetings for new students are now held in the morning prior to Convocation;

Whereas, the annual Involvement Fair hosted by Student Involvement and Leadership is no longer held immediately following Convocation; and

Whereas, a later start time for Convocation will allow a later start time for academic advising meetings, likely improving attendance;

Resolved, that the Faculty Handbook, Section III, Part VII, Section 5, Part D, Section 2d, be updated as:

Convocation is held at ~~9:00AM~~ **10:00AM** on the first day of classes in Fall semester. If this falls on a Monday, classes resume at ~~11:15AM~~ **12:30PM**; if it falls on a Tuesday, classes resume at 11:50AM.

- C. Nomination for special election to fill a vacancy on Educational Policies Committee – Andrea Munro (Chemistry), Governance Committee. Attachment C. ACTION ITEM.

- D. Motion to recommend the nomination of Sidney Rittenberg for an honorary degree, as presented in Attachment D – Bret Underwood (Physics), Educational Policies Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that the faculty recommend to the president the nomination of Sidney Rittenberg for the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

- E. Motion to delete the minor in Electrical Engineering – Keith Cooper (Philosophy), Educational Policies Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Whereas, the faculty recently approved elimination of the Computer Engineering major;

Whereas, the Electrical Engineering minor continues to use significant faculty resources in the Department of Computer Science that could be better devoted to its other majors and minors;

Whereas, most current Electrical Engineering minors have substantial overlap in their coursework with their Applied Physics or Computer Science majors; and

Whereas, all students currently on track in the minor will be accommodated;

Resolved, that the faculty recommend to the Board of Regents the elimination of the minor in Electrical Engineering.

- F. Motion to add a minor in Early Christian Studies – Keith Cooper (Philosophy), Educational Policies Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that the faculty recommend to the Board of Regents creation of a new minor in Early Christian Studies, as presented in Attachment E.

- G. Motion to add post-graduate certificates in Nursing – Keith Cooper (Philosophy), Educational Policies Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Whereas, the Doctor of Nursing Practice program occasionally has openings arise following the first year of coursework;

Whereas, there are nurses already holding a master's or doctoral degree interested in qualifying as a nurse practitioner who are academically prepared to enter the program at that point; and

Whereas, maintaining a full cohort is both financially and educationally prudent;

Resolved, that the faculty recommend to the Board of Regents the addition of post-graduate certificates to the Family Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner concentrations in the DNP program. ACTION ITEM.

- H. Motion to hold an Informal Discussion on faculty standing committee responses to our current budget issues – Amy Siegesmund (Biology), Faculty Affairs Committee, and Keith Cooper (Philosophy), Educational Policies Committee. ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that the faculty hold an Informal Discussion lasting no longer than 20 minutes regarding the collaboration of the Educational Policies, Faculty Affairs, and Rank and Tenure Committees in response to our current budget issues. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 10 minutes will be provided. Discussion to be led by Keith Cooper (Philosophy), Educational Policies Committee, and Amy Siegesmund (Biology), Faculty Affairs Committee, co-chairs of the combined committee.

7. Announcements and Communications:

- A. Fall Grades – Kevin Berg, Registrar
- B. Human Participants Review Board and Student-Faculty Research – Christine Hansvick (Psychology), HPRB Chair
- C. Board of Regents Report – Neal Yakelis (Chemistry), Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents