

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY



FACULTY ASSEMBLY MEETING
Friday, March 10, 2017 – 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 February 10, 2017, Meeting
4. Question and Answer Period – Thomas W. Krise, President
5. Unfinished Business: None
6. New Business:

- A. Motion to approve revisions to the Faculty Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1 – Andrea Munro (Chemistry), Governance Committee. **FIRST READING.**

Whereas, the Faculty Constitution Article VI, Section 1 states that “The faculty shall, in consultation with the president and subject to the approval of the Board of Regents, establish procedures for hearing the grievances of a member or members of the faculty”;

Whereas, PLU adopted Grievance Policies and Procedures that established a University Dispute Resolution Committee to address conflict and resolve grievances involving students, faculty, and staff in September 1997 that were last updated July 2014; and

Whereas, the grievance procedure that appears in the Faculty Bylaws does not currently include the University Dispute Resolution Committee as an option for faculty members;

Resolved, that the Faculty Bylaws Article VI, Section 1 be revised as presented in Attachment A.

- B. Motion to combine the Norwegian and Scandinavian Area Studies majors into a Nordic Studies major, and to eliminate the Scandinavian Area Studies Program – Keith Cooper (Philosophy), Educational Policies Committee. **ACTION ITEM.**

Resolved, that the faculty recommend to the Board of Regents creation of a new major in Nordic Studies, the elimination of the interdisciplinary Scandinavian Area Studies program and committee, the elimination of the Norwegian major, and the elimination of the Scandinavian Area Studies major and minor, as presented in Attachment B.

- C. Motion for an Informal Discussion regarding PLU's efforts to support undocumented students – Emily Davidson (Languages & Literatures), Giovanna Urdangarain (Languages & Literatures), Adela Ramos (English), and Tamara Williams (Wang Center). ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that the faculty hold an Informal Discussion lasting no longer than 10 minutes regarding PLU's efforts to support undocumented students. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 10 minutes will be provided. Discussion will be led by Emily Davidson (Languages & Literatures) and Adela Ramos (English).

- D. Motion to hold an Informal Discussion on the work of the Faculty Joint Committee – Amy Siegesmund (Biology) and Keith Cooper (Philosophy). ACTION ITEM.

Resolved, that the faculty hold an Informal Discussion lasting no longer than 20 minutes regarding the work of the Faculty Joint Committee. Introductory remarks lasting no more than 10 minutes will be provided. Discussion to be led by Keith Cooper (Philosophy) and Amy Siegesmund (Biology), co-chairs of the committee.

7. Announcements and Communications:

- A. Implicit Bias Trainings – Claire Todd (Geosciences/Environmental Studies), Diversity Committee.
- B. Nominating Faculty for Elected Positions – Andrea Munro (Chemistry), Governance Committee.
- C. Expansion of the Mellon-Funded Cornerstone Initiative – Jan Lewis (Associate Provost for Undergraduate Programs).