

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
March 2, 2017**

MEMBERS:

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| Dan Spaite, Chair | Rick Power |
| Maria Covarrubias | Don Schengel |
| | Carol Van Buskirk |

MEMBERS ABSENT: **Craig Furusho**

TIME & LOCATION: March 2, 1:15 – 3:15 p.m., (7:15 p.m. if necessary)
Strawn Conference Room, Bond Academic Center

RESOURCE PERSONS: Kerry Fulcher (Provost & Chief Academic Officer), Karl Martin (Faculty Council Vice Chair)

MINUTES

1. Devotions and Prayer

2. Approval of Minutes

**Motion to approve Minutes by Carol Van Buskirk and second by Don Schengel.
Motion carried.**

3. Sabbatical Recommendations

Dr. Fulcher provided a summary of applicants' background to the Committee and mentioned built into the budget, is for nine approved applicants. May need to consider funding and increasing number of approved applicants.

Motion by Carol Van Buskirk and second by Don Schengel to have the Provost perform an analysis of the adequacy of the professional development budget as it relates to historical development and growth to be presented at the fall Committee on Academic Affairs meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Rick Power and second by Carol Van Buskirk to recommend that the Board grant sabbaticals for these candidates as recommended by the President. Motion carried unanimously.

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| Dr. Linda Beail | “Real Women, Real Power: Theorizing Gender, Pleasure, Anxiety and Postfeminism” |
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| Dr. Michelle Chen | “Carbon Nanomaterials: Synthesis and Biocompatibility” |
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| Dr. Dave Cummings | “From Chronic Stress to Optimal Mental Health: Challenging Norms on a College Campus” |
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| Dr. Mike Dorrell | “Combination Angiostatic Therapies and ADEPT as Treatments for Brain Cancer” |
| Dr. Jamie Gates | “PLNU’s Contribution to San Diego’s Anti-Human Trafficking Movement” |
| Dr. Becky Havens | “Investing in Opportunity or Reinforcing Privilege? Access to Education in America” |
| Dr. Alan Hueth | “Preachers, Teachers, and Soothsayers: Understanding Mass Media and Social Media” |
| Dr. Rebecca Laird | “Women in Christianity Pilgrimage” |
| Dr. Dawne Page | “Development of a General Education Biology course “Human Health and Disease” for Semester at Sea and then for online delivery at PLNU” |
| Dr. Christine Sloan | “Assessment Revisited for a Practice-Based Profession” |

4. Faculty Emeritus Recommendations

Dr. Fulcher stated there is a group looking at criteria of deciding emeritus status – “needs to be better”. Dr. Fulcher shared a summary of accomplishments for each emeritus status candidate.

Motion by Carol Van Buskirk and second by Maria Covarrubias to recommend that the Board accept the recommendations of the President for Faculty Emeritus status for the following candidates. Motion carried unanimously.

- Professor Emerita status for **Dr. Diana Cordileone**, B.A., San Diego State University; Ph.D., University of California, San Diego. PLNC/PLNU since 1997 (20 years). (History & Political Science)
- Professor Emeritus status for **Dr. Daniel Croy**, B.S., MidAmerica Nazarene University; M.A., University of Northern Colorado; Ed.D., Vanderbilt University. PLNU since 2002 (15 years). (Fermanian School of Business)
- Professor Emerita status for **Dr. Karen Sangren**, B.A., Pasadena College; M.A., San Diego State University; Ph.D., University of Oregon. PLC/PLNC/PLNU since 1978 (39 years). (Art & Design)
- Professor Emeritus status for **Dr. Galen Yorba-Gray**, B.A., Southern California College; B.A., Cal State San Bernardino; M.A., UC Riverside; Ph.D., Texas Tech University. PLNU since 2005 (11 years). (Literature, Journalism, and Modern Languages)

5. Faculty Chair Report (Karl Martin - Vice Chair)

Dr. Martin shared his Faculty Council report with the Committee. He shared faculty is continuing conversations regarding the Faculty Handbook revision process. Dr. Martin:

- Shared faculty has continuing conversations around “expectations of the job”, especially true with younger faculty members.
- Shared “we are in a better place” in regards to writing the WASC report. Commended Dr. Zack for amount of work she’s put into the report.
- Commented that from the Faculty Council’s perspective, there are no “huge issues” going on currently
- Stated that “faculty morale is in a good place.”
- Commented that the Program Review process has improved greatly.
- Commended Dr. Karen Lee as an incredibly positive, Christian spirit that she’s added to the University. Dr. Martin added she was a “great hire”.

Motion by Don Schengel and second by Rick Power to receive report. Motion carried.

6. Faculty Council Continuity – follow up

Dr. Fulcher, through the Governance Committee, recognized need for continuity in Faculty Council. For that reason, Faculty Council terms are now for two years instead of just one. Discussion related to inviting the outgoing Faculty Council Chair to accompany the new Chair to the Fall meeting when appropriate and helpful. Committee agreed that, if that is something they would like, they can request such action for future meetings.

7. New Program Approval – Masters in Science of Athletic Training

Dr. Fulcher shared this new program is as a response of the Guild of Athletic Trainers, since students can no longer be certified with a bachelor’s degree -- now need to have a master’s degree to be certified. Kinesiology program is “exploding with interest.” The new Program is approved by the Cabinet as well as the faculty and now need to have approval of Board of Trustees in order to take forward to WASC as a substantive change.

Motion by Rick Power and second by Carol Van Buskirk to approve the MS in Athletic Training program. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Program Review Committee Reports and MOUs (Read in advance)

Dr. Fulcher shared Program Review process speaks into BPM responsibilities of Committee (6.4, 6.6 and 6.7) (hard copy passed out to Committee members). Committee agreed to have all related materials available in portal in advance of Committee on Academic Affairs meetings. Dr. Fulcher shared the steps/process of Program Review – Program Review Self-Study, External Review, Department Response, Program Assessment and Review Committee (PARC) Findings and Recommendation, MOU and Action Plan (commitment between Provost and Department Chair/School Dean). Dr. Fulcher commented this is at most, a one-year process vs. previous process of two years.

Dr. Fulcher shared overview of School of Theology and Christian Ministry Program Review and added that the relationship between School of Theology and Christian Ministry and the University is much more positive than it has been in years. Dr. Fulcher shared overview of History and Political Science Department Program Review.

9. Academic Structure changes

Dr. Fulcher provided overview of changes. Shared Dr. Pitts is retiring at end of academic year and moved Academic Advising and IRB process into Academic Administration role. Dr. Fulcher shared that Dr. Holly Irwin will move into Dr. Pitts' role. Dr. Fulcher shared it was considered and decided to move to a Dean of Colleges role and an Associate Dean in each College. Dr. Daichendt to move to Dean of Colleges role. Associate Dean role is half teaching and half administrative role.

10. Follow up Discussion on Plenary session committee reports (future scenarios)

Comfortable with current level of reporting. Will report more if requested by the Board

11. Review of Bylaws

Connected Bylaws to Committee's responsibilities as listed within the Academic Parameters of the Board Policy Manual.

12. Review of BPM - How to operationalize

Motion by Don Schengel, second by Rick Power that the proposed changes to the BPM (merging redundant parts of 6.5 and 6.7) be recommended to the Board (attachment). Motion passed unanimously

13. Executive Session

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Motion to recommend that the Board grant sabbaticals for the candidates as recommended by the President. Passed unanimously.**
- 2. Motion to recommend approval of the Masters of Science in Athletic Training. Passed unanimously.**
- 3. Motion to recommend that the Board approve the recommendations of the President for Faculty Emeritus status. Passed unanimously.**
- 4. Motion that the proposed changes to the BPM (merging redundant parts of 6.5 and 6.7) be recommended to the Board (attachment). Passed unanimously**



Dan Spaite, Chair