

**CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY
SPRING CONVOCATION**

April 17, 2015

Minutes

1. First Business Session
 - a. Chair, Rev. Jim Bessey welcomed the Convocation
 - b. University Pastor, Rev. Scott Maxwell- Doherty provided devotions along with three Lord of Life student congregation members who provided the music
 - c. Admission Counselor Amanda DiCamillo brought an update from the Admissions Office.
 - She noted that there were over 1100 guests on campus for Admitted Student Day
 - Almost 500 Lutheran students have been admitted for the fall semester
 - Last year there were 10 nominations for the Convocator Scholarship. This year 20 students have been nominated and all will be awarded at \$2500
 - A video was shown that was developed by the Admission Office. It was requested that this be sent to all the Convocators to be used when they speak in congregations
 - d. Church Relations student worker, Jimmy Sweeden '15 shared five helpful things he has learned while attending Cal Lutheran. These tips are designed to assist students in making the most of their education.
 - e. The Convocators wrote notes to the 492 admitted Lutheran students encouraging them to attend Cal Lutheran
 - f. President Chris Kimball provided a university update
 - He reported on the new faculty hires of Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda and Julian Andres Gonzalez at PLTS.
 - The PLTS Advisory Board met this spring and decided they would like to hold their next spring meeting at Cal Lutheran
 - William Rolland has pledged \$4 million to the new arts facility on the north campus, Rolland Arts Center. He has also donated a jumbo-tron, with William Rolland Foundation signage, for Rolland Stadium.
 - President Kimball spoke about the nation-wide downturn in University enrollment.
 - Men's volleyball will soon become one of the sports offered on campus. To balance gender equity a women's sport will need to be added.
 - Design of the New Science Building has been authorized
 - g. The Convocation broke for lunch on the President's Patio and met with various students who were seated at each table for casual conversation

2. Second Business Session

- a. University Pastor Melissa Maxwell-Doherty led the Convocation through an exercise of questions regarding the job description for the Director of Church Relations. This information will be gathered and sent out to the Convocation when completed.
 - 1) Convocators can send names of candidates for this position to Melissa
 - 2) Timeline for search will be sent out to Convocators by e-mail

- b. Religion Faculty Update – Dr. Julia Fogg
 - Religious demographics for students have vastly changed in the last 10 years
 - Many have no religion, the Nones.
 - 6% of entire student body are ELCA. Large percentage of Catholics.
 - Religion curriculum has not changed in 30 years
 - Hiring in Religion department to reflect change in student demographics
 - Shared what is currently taught in Religion 100 classes
 - 1) Spoke on collaboration with PLTS faculty

- c. School of Management Panel – Kapp Johnson, Bonnie Johnson, Paul Witman

These three shared their experiences on teaching the Executive Skills for Pastors Workshop. This is a weeklong program that takes place at Cal Lutheran each summer.

 - This program took place also at Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center in Carefree, Ariz this past January. This successful program will return January 2016 at the Center.

3. Chair Bessey closed the meeting and dismissed the Convocation to their caucus meetings.