

University Governance

California Lutheran University was formally incorporated on Aug. 4, 1959. The governing bodies of the University are the Convocation, the Board of Regents, the President's Cabinet and the Faculty.

President's Cabinet

The President's Cabinet is the senior executive and administrative body of the University. Under the direction of the president, it is responsible for policy making, strategic planning and implementation, budget, and ensuring that institutional energies and resources are focused on accomplishing the mission and vision of the University.

The President's Cabinet consists of the President, the five divisional vice presidents including the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President for University Advancement, the Vice President for Administration and Finance, the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing. The Cabinet also includes a University Pastor, the Director of Church Relations, the Special Assistant to the President for Diversity, Associate Vice President for University Relations, the Special Assistant to the President for Athletic Affairs and the General Manager for KCLU Radio.

Board of Regents

The 32-member Board of Regents directs the administration through its policy-making role, safeguards the mission and assets of the University, authorizes budgets and strategic plans, elects the president of the University, and approves the appointment of chief administrative officers and faculty.

Convocation

The 85-person Convocation, which ratifies the election of the University's Board of Regents, represents the corporation of California Lutheran University. The Convocation is made up of members of the five synods of Region II of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, faculty, students, the university president and members-at-large. Convocators serve as ambassadors, counselors, recruiters and development support for the University throughout a broad geographic area on the Pacific Coast and in the Southwestern region of the United States.

Administration

Office of the President

Chris Kimball, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer

The Rev. Melissa Maxwell-Doherty '77, M.Div.
The Rev. Scott Maxwell-Doherty '76, M.Div.
University Pastors

James McHugh, M.A.
Special Assistant to the President for Athletic Affairs

Division of Academic Affairs

Leanne Neilson, Psy.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Joan Griffin, Ph.D.
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Gerhard Apfelthaler, Ph.D.
Dean of the School of Management

George J. Petersen, Ph.D.
Dean of the Graduate School of Education

Julius Bianchi, M.P.A.
Associate Provost for Information Services

Maria Kohnke, M.S.
Associate Provost for Academic Services and Registrar

Division of Administration and Finance

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Vice President for Administration and Finance

Ryan Van Ommeren, M.S.
Associate Vice President for Facility Operations and Planning

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Assistant Vice President for Human Resources

Division of Enrollment Management and Marketing

Matt Ward, Ph.D.
Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing

Tom Hoener, M.S.
Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management

Christie Harper, M.A.
Assistant Vice President for Marketing

Division of Student Affairs

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Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Melinda Roper, Ed.D.
Associate Dean of Students

Division of University Advancement

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Vice President for University Advancement

Kristine Calara, M.B.A.
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Division of University Relations

Lynda Paige Fulford, M.P.A. '97
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Convocation of the University

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Former University Presidents

John R. Sladek, Ph.D.
2006-2007

Luther S. Luedtke, Ph.D.

1992-2006

Jerry H. Miller, D.D.
1981-1992

Mark Mathews, D.B.A.
1972-1980

Raymond Olson, D.D.*
1963-1971

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1959-1962

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