

University Spiritual Life Committee Charter

Mission

The mission of the University Spiritual Life Committee (USLC) is to develop, refine, and communicate a vision for Christian spiritual formation that integrates faith and learning into all aspects of the Pepperdine community. It is constituted under the authority of the Provost and President of Pepperdine University to support Pepperdine's aspiration to be "a preeminent, global, Christian university, known for the integration of faith and learning, whose graduates lead purposeful lives as servant-minded leaders throughout the world." The USLC is a specific outgrowth of Pepperdine's Strategic Plan, *Boundless Horizons*, which includes among its core goals that of strengthening "the various parts of the University concerned with spiritual formation." Thus, the USLC plays a central role in helping Pepperdine live out its identity as a "Christian university committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and Christian values, where students are strengthened for lives of purpose, service, and leadership."

Committee Responsibilities

The USLC's primary responsibilities are to

- Develop and refine a comprehensive vision for Christian spiritual formation at Pepperdine University,
- Provide guidance and advice to the Center for Faith and Learning, which plays a central role in coordinating the ongoing spiritual formation programs and initiatives that derive from the USLC's vision,
- Make recommendations to the University administration for new initiatives and resources that will advance spiritual formation at Pepperdine, and
- Review ongoing programming in light of Pepperdine's vision as well as current, relevant research on spiritual formation, in consultation with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness.

Composition

As an advisory group, the committee's composition may fluctuate, depending on the personnel available and interested in serving on it. Nevertheless, the committee is envisioned as including the following members, appointed by the University Provost in consultation with the Director of the Center for Faith and Learning:

- Director, Pepperdine University Center for Faith and Learning (Committee Chair)
- University Provost
- Dean, Seaver College Student Affairs
- University Chaplain
- Vice President of Public Affairs and Church Relations
- Seaver College Religion Division Chair
- One representative from each of Pepperdine University's five schools
- Minister, University Church of Christ

Other representatives may include the University Associate Chaplain as well as liaisons to the Office of University Advancement and the University Board of Regents or other deans.

Schedule and Agenda of Meetings

Regular meetings of the USLC will take place quarterly, on the Monday prior to the quarterly meeting of the University Board of Regents. Other meetings may also be called as needed.

The agenda of meetings will be determined by the committee chair, in consultation with the members of the committee.