

## 2011-2012 ORU Faculty Senate Minutes of January 23, 2012

1. Senators in attendance: Judith Mayton, Robert Kiel, Marshal Wright, David Dyson, George Gillen, Tim Norton, Richard Berumen, Felipe Ornelas, Nancy Mankin, Mark Roberts, Richard Sutliff, Judith Raiford, Audrey Thompson, Gweth Holzmann, Sam Thorpe, Bob Mansfield, James Norwood, Bill Collier, Rachel Budavich, Catherine Klehm, Agena Farmer, Chris Martin, William Epperson, Lenore Mullican, George Thyvelikakath, Pat Catts, Elena Gregg, Wendy Shirk, Steve Greene, Kim Boyd, Dominic Halsmer, Tom Mathew, Cheryl Iverson, William Jernigan, Ralph Fagin, Debbie Sowell, Terry Unruh, Linda Gray, Ken Weed, Mark Hall.
2. Tim Norton opened in prayer.
3. Dr Rutland spoke briefly inviting the faculty to a debriefing on Thursday regarding the current Board of Trustees meetings. He answered a few questions after his remarks.
4. Dr Norton reminded the faculty that elections for new senators should be made as soon as possible by next meeting.
5. Bill Collier moved that the Faculty Senate consider the new Chairs Selection proposal. The senators will bring the proposal to the departments.
6. Dr Norton announced that the Graduate Committee , temporarily chaired by Dr Mathew and composed of the three deans (Theology, Education, and Business) and the three senators from those colleges, needs an official chair. Dr Boyd moved that Dr Mathew be elected chair, which was approved.
7. The University Research Committee recommended that the budget-approved amount of \$15,000 be placed in a restricted account to be controlled by the Committee. Dr Sowell indicated that the money has been approved by the Board and that the best location for it at this time is in the budget of the Center for Faculty Excellence headed by Dr Even Culp. The senate agreed that that would be a good place and Dr Culp was eager to assist the Committee and become a member of the Committee to facilitate the Committee's function. Friendly amendments to the proposal followed that the funds not be limited to \$15,000 in future, that there be no restricted accounts, and the wording of the proposal be changed to reflect the sentiments of the senate. The amendments were all approved unanimously as well as the final situation of the proposal.
8. The proposal to strengthen the wording of the catalog restricting incompletes and extensions was passed (25 yes, 2 no, 1 abstained).
9. The proposal to remove the current wording of the catalog that allows students to request BS instead of BA degrees, or BA degrees rather than BS, was defeated (7 yes, 20 no, 1 abstained).
10. The opinion of the Senate regarding Last Lectures by retiring faculty unanimously confirmed that it is a good idea and the senators will present the idea to the departments.

11. Debate ensued regarding the use of the faculty lounge to determine if students or outside guests could be included in activities in that facility. The discussion was tabled until next meeting; senators will discuss the issue with their departments.

12. Dr Greene suggested the senate send a resolution to the Board requesting that Dr Rutland be appointed Chancellor of the University. After brief discussion, the senate agreed to delay any action pending more information.