

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY SENATE**  
**Minutes**  
**January 26, 2015**

The Faculty Senate meeting was called to order by Senate President Carlos Chale' at 11:00 a.m. in GC 4112. Dr. Edward Watson shared "Resolutions from the Word" which addressed character, discipleship, and leadership.

The minutes of the November 24, 2014, Senate meeting were accepted without change by consent of the Senate.

In matters of old business, Winston Frost presented the final proposal for amendments to the faculty Senate bylaws. It was announced that the Senate vote on the bylaws would be conducted electronically later in the week. Everyone was encouraged to vote because a 2/3 vote (i.e. 21 of the 31 voting senators) is required to pass bylaw changes.

Discussion of the proposed bylaw amendments ensued. These amendments will be voted on by Article, so there will be four proposals.

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| Article IV, section 1  | add "the Dean of Online and Lifelong Learning" as a voting Senator.   |
| Article IV, section 2  | clarify which faculty can be considered a candidate for Senate Vice President and define the academic year as August 1 – July 31.   |
| Article IV, section 3  | each Senator should have an individual alternate who can participate in Senate activities if the elected Senator is unable to do so, and change the term of every Senator to two years (instead of "one or two years").   |
| Article VI, section 3  | The Vice President shall act as President if the President is unable or unwilling to serve.   |
| Article VII, section 1 | Except in cases of emergency, meetings will be held as regularly scheduled (during the fall and spring semesters). All meetings (regularly scheduled or emergency meetings) may be conducted through an in-person format or electronic format. Should there be a need for emergency meetings to be conducted during the summer, participation by the Senators and the faculty-at-large shall be done on a voluntary basis. However, it should be noted that Faculty Senate and faculty-at-large participation in university affairs and decisions is critical. In that regard, both the Senators and the faculty-at-large should demonstrate a strong |

commitment to serve and engage, even though the participation is voluntary.

(The portions highlighted in Article VII above represent friendly amendments which were discussed and accepted during the Senate meeting. The first phrase “during the fall and spring semesters” was moved for acceptance by Lori Kanitz and seconded by Marcia Livingston. A voice vote was taken and unanimous approval was received. The addition of the word “emergency” was moved by Marshal Wright and seconded by Kenda Jezek. A voice vote was taken and unanimous approval was received.)

Article VII, section 4     A vote on issues must be taken at the Senate meeting or conducted electronically within seven days of the Senate meeting.

Article IX                 A parliamentary committee consisting of three past Senate Presidents shall be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the Senate.

In matters of new business, Senate President Chale discussed the recent increase in locker fees in the Aerobics Center. Since a regular aerobics exercise program is part of faculty contracts and part of the expectations for everyone on campus, this policy seems counter to the philosophy of the University. Significant discussion centered around whether or not faculty would actually use the lockers even with a lower or no fee. Carlos has previously met with University Vice President Tim Philley and agreed to discuss this issue further with the Provost.

Mark Roberts, chair of the Christian World View Committee announced the upcoming “Healing Gospel” conference scheduled for April 6 – 10, including a banquet on April 7. A good lineup of speakers, including some of our own faculty, has been confirmed.

Senate President Chale accepted a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Unruh  
Senate Vice President