

## 2011-2012 ORU Faculty Senate Minutes of February 27, 2012

1. Dr Dominic Halsmer opened in prayer.

2. Marshall Wright presented for discussion the idea of term limits for the offices of President and Vice President. There is language in the by-laws regarding term limits for senators but not President and VP. Discussion from three senators indicated that the system works well as is; wisdom suggests that we should not use current situations to dictate future situations especially since the rule can be changed anytime. History also supports the notion: since 1963 only 4 presidents have been re-elected. Now the system forces a president to one term at a time anyway.

3. Suggestion from Robert Mansfield and the Theology Tenured Committee that the wish of the Trustees to honor Dennis Bennett with an Honorary Degree (Doctor of Humane Letters) at this year's graduation be affirmed by the Senate. The voice vote was unanimous to affirm.

4. Bill Collier presented an informal recommendation for a Department Chair Selection process to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Collier explained each section of the recommendation and indicated that the intent is to provide a process that does not tie the hands of deans nor give ill feelings to faculty. Marshall Wright suggested an addition to item #6 that, whenever a vacancy occurs, the Dean should appoint an interim chair. By unanimous vote, the recommendation was approved and will be sent to the Executive Council.

5. The change in catalog policy for incompletes/extensions results:

Passed 25—2 by Faculty Senate

Passed 89—7 by Full Faculty

6. Senator elections are past due. Please indicate any changes in departmental senator positions asap. Elections for 2012-2013 will be held beginning March 16th (first vote), then the top five candidates (a second vote on March 27<sup>th</sup>—April 9). The list of names will be on the Faculty Website.

7. Professors Culp, Law, and Norton have developed a system for booking the Faculty Lounge on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor GC. Booking should go through Dr Culp's office; a faculty member must be present at any activity in the Lounge; Barbara Law will continue to maintain the rooms. The list of use will be on the GC 6<sup>th</sup> floor. There are three rooms that may be used.

8. Mark Hall presented two general education proposals.

From HIS/HUM: delete HUM 101 and require HUM 103 Christian Worldview and Culture in its place. Discussion followed. No objections arose.

From General Education Committee: add GEN 400 Senior Experience to the General Education requirements, with 0 credit graded P/NP. The class seeks to mirror GEN 099. GEN 400 adds elements

such as leadership development, interviewing skills, ethical behavior, resume construction to graduating seniors' ORU experience. The course would be offered Online with one live lecture, similar to the procedure in GEN 099.

No action was taken; these proposals will be taken to each department for consideration.