

ORU Faculty Senate

Minutes of 8/22/11 Meeting

11:00 am in GC 5112

In Attendance:

BEH SCI—Judith Mayton, Robert Kiel	COM/ARTS/MEDIA—Agena Farmer, Chris Martin, Cristi Freudenrich
BUS—Marshal Wright, David Dyson (Grad), George Gillen, James Russell (UG)	ENG/MOD LANG—Lenore Mullican, William Epperson
EDU—Tim Norton (Grad), No senator for UG	ENGIN/COMP/PHYS/MAT—Elena Gregg, Teresa Williams, Daniel Ward
HIS/HUM/GOV—Solomon Gameda	DEANS—Wendy Shirk, Steve Green, Kim Boyd, Patrick Otto, Dominic Holsmer, Tom Mathew, Cheryl Iverson, William Jernigan
HPE/REC—Nancy Mankin	VPAA—Debbie Sowell
LRC—Sally Shelton, Dana Higeons	ATH—Terry Unruh
MUS—Richard Sutliff, Judith Raiford	UNIV TECH EDITOR—Linda Gray
NUR—Audrey Thompson	COORD GEN ED—Mark Hall
DIST LRNG—Gweth Holzmann	SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIRS—Even Culp, Evie Lindberg, Ken Weed, Barbara Law, John Korstad
THE—Robert Mansfield, Ed Decker (Grad), Sam Thorpe (UG)	
BIO/CHEM—William Collier, Rachel Budavich, George Thyvelikakath	

1. President of the Faculty Senate Dr Tim Norton called the meeting to order and University President Dr Mark Rutland opened in prayer. Dr Rutland also spoke briefly about administrative decisions forthcoming.
2. Dr Norton mentioned a suggested gift for Ralph Fagin in honor of his tenure as Provost at ORU. With a general approval voiced by the members, the senators will contact the faculty of their respective colleges about donations.
3. The body of senators recognized with appreciation the new senators and officers of the Senate.
4. The student president of the Student Association spoke to introduce all the SA officers for the 2011-2012 school year and to thank the faculty for their input into the lives of ORU students. SA Vice President Joe Ninowski announced the formation of a Student Assembly to improve communication with ORU faculty, staff, and administration as well as present new ideas for the betterment of the university. Dr Tom Mathew then prayed a blessing upon the SA officers.

5. Dr Norton announced, as Dr Weed demonstrated from a PC, the email communication system which provides all necessary data for faculty to discover meeting times, places, and agendas (at facultysenate.oru.edu and other sites). So far the system has been effective, and all faculty are encouraged to make extensive use of the system.
6. Chairs of the various Faculty Academic Committees (under the supervision of the Faculty Senate) and Faculty Professional Committees (under the supervision of university Administration) spoke briefly to delineate their respective committee's goals. Dr Weed highlighted each web site as they spoke.
7. Jesse Pisors, Director of Alumni Relations, spoke regarding an alumni survey that preferred a November date for ORU Homecoming. Due to the lateness of the year, February 10-11 will be the Homecoming dates for this year but Mr Pisors expects next year's date to be in early November. The new Student Center building might be completed by next November, which would be an added bonus attraction for Homecoming in Fall, 2012. Mr Pisors reiterated that alumni love the university faculty and consider their relationships with faculty their strongest connection to ORU.
8. Dr Sowell asked the faculty if they wished to use the payroll deduction plan to donate funds to the new Student Center. If so, pledges are due by October 1 and full donations must be completed by April 30. HR office has forms that faculty can use to participate, if they desire. Dr Norton mentioned that the form can be completed online and sent by email.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 pm.