

ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
Minutes
September 22, 2014

The Senate meeting was called to order by Senate President Carlos Chale at 11:00 a.m. in GC 4112. A brief devotional from Hebrews was presented by Dr. John Korstad.

The minutes of the August 25, 2014 meeting were presented and discussed. The following correction in the minutes was proposed and accepted:

Change the comments made by Dr. Reid-Martinez from “The intent will never be to plan for major decisions to be made over the summer, but the changing landscape of higher education may require us to become more flexible. She re-emphasized that it should be a faculty decision related both to electronic meetings and extending responsibilities into the summer.” to ” The intent was not to plan for major decisions to be made over the summer, but the changing landscape of higher education may require ORU to become more flexible in the future with the summers.”

The minutes were then accepted with the above changes by consent of the Senate.

Dr. Evie Lindberg reported from the Faculty Awards Committee. She reminded the Senate of the October 17 deadline for nominations for the 2014-2015 Faculty Alumni Awards and distributed a handout of the guidelines. She also mentioned some technical difficulties in the nomination process which has prevented any nominations being received to date. She suggested creating a PDF of the form to be completed and submitted through D2L.

Dr. Lori Kantiz presented a proposal from the General Education Committee to resurrect a course, LGEN114 “On-line Learning Strategies” which had previously been called “Distance Learning Strategies.” Dr. Ken Weed seconded the proposal. This course will be required in the first term for all on-line students. After lengthy discussion, Dr. Marshal Wright moved to call the questions. Felipe Ornales seconded the motion. The Senate voted unanimously to accept the proposal. Senators were encouraged to discuss this proposal with their respective faculty during the next thirty days. The Senate will be voting on the proposal at the October Senate meeting. If passed by the Senate, the proposal will be forwarded electronically to the entire faculty for their approval.

No old business was presented.

In matters of new business, Senate President Chale mentioned that he had requested approval by the Senate to appoint an ad hoc committee to develop the by-law changes discussed at the August Senate meeting into formal proposals. The approval was solicited electronically and received 23 yes votes and zero no votes. Senate President Chale then asked Dr. Winston Frost to

chair an ad hoc committee to include Dr. Marshal Wright, Dr. Hallett Hullinger, and Dr. Marcia Livingston.

Dr. Frost then presented the recommendations of the ad hoc committee. He plans to present these recommendations as formal proposals at the October Senate meeting and will e-mail them to the Senators prior to the October meeting.

1. The committee recommended changing the term for all Senators to 2 years. This recommendation may require a transition period to allow departments to elect Senators in a staggered pattern to prevent all Senators from an individual department rolling off the Senate in the same year.
2. The Senate Vice President shall act as President “in the absence of the President or if the President is unwilling to serve.”
3. Emergency meetings shall require “electronic” written notice by the Senate President (as convener of the Senate) delivered to the University Faculty at least 24 hours in advance.
4. Nothing was mentioned about the format (in-person or electronic) of Senate meetings.
5. “All returning and newly elected Senators” should be allowed to be considered for election to Senate Vice President.
6. Nothing was mentioned about the Senate voting procedures.
7. A parliamentary committee is definitely recommended by the ad hoc committee.
8. The ad hoc committee recommends continuation of the current process for curriculum proposals.

Senate President Chale asked Dr. Frost to report Committee on behalf of Dr. Mark Roberts from the Christian World View. Dr. Frost reminded the Senate of the Christian World View Committee’s successful events sponsored during the 2013-2014 year. This year, alumnus Phil Cooke will be presenting “The Gospel, Pop Culture, and The Digital Future” in October as well as speaking in chapel. November 8 – 12 there will be an interactive series on Human Trafficking which may also include a faculty Brown Bag Lunch and Learn. In the spring, there are plans to conduct an Apologetics/Christian World View Conference. Dr. Frost requested Senators to ask their faculty to encourage students to attend all of these events.

Senate President Chale reminded the Senate of the all university faculty meeting on Monday, September 29, at 11:00 a.m. in GC 4114. The Senate meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.