

All Faculty Meeting

Minutes

11/28/11

1. Dr Ralph Fagin opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Dr Mark Rutland expressed appreciation for faculty and opportunity to work with them. Fall semester has been a very good semester. The ORU financial situation has continued to improve; progress has been made to get the operating budget free from any borrowing in one semester to accommodate the following semester. Plans to improve salaries and benefits are ready to present to the Board of Trustees at the January meeting of the Board. There will be a briefing meeting for faculty/staff after that meeting. Enrollment figures for Fall 2012 look good. College weekend numbers for last year were 323 but this year more than 450, our largest group since 2004. Our freshman retention rate is again better than 80% which is outstanding.
3. Marshall Wright spoke briefly to inform the faculty that the University Planning Council is now functioning, starting with the process of branding ORU, by hiring a consultant, Kennan Burch. The major point of the meeting was to inform faculty about the branding document developed by the University Planning Council with the aid of Mr Burch, who then explained the process of the development of the document. The branding process seeks to provide a clear and concise statement about what must be done to succeed. The original mission statement from Oral Roberts serves as the guide, the initial foundational idea, that informs the branding process and measures how well ORU succeeds.
4. Jesse Pisors and Evie Lindberg introduced the Alumni Awards Committee and the five recipients of this year's awards:
 - Teaching – Calvin Rosso
 - Christian Worldview—Tim Norton
 - Mentor – Joseph Mukasa
 - Student Engagement – Chris Putman
 - Stakeholder Engagement – Patrick Otto
5. James Russell discussed International Development, the merging of Development with Evangelism and Ministry to achieve sustainable change and healing through the establishment of houses, churches, birthing clinics, medical clinics, water systems, small business support, market counseling, business workshops, and other similar activities. Dr Russell asked for faculty support; currently there are trips overseas for development and ministry, all coordinated through Clarence Boyd. These activities benefit countries and the ORU students who participate. They all need emotional and financial support. Many lives are changed by these activities.
6. ORU Yearbook copies were distributed to faculty at the close of the meeting.