

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY**  
**University Faculty Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date: February 26, 2018**

**Chair:** Dr. William M. Wilson

**Present:** President Dr. William Wilson, Provost Dr. Reid-Martinez,  
(Please find attached the names of all attendees).

**Start of Meeting** 11:00 am in the Global Learning Center

**Door Prizes** Mrs. Lisa Wilson coordinated the door prizes—an Americana theme.

**Devotional** Dr. Larry Hart gave a devotional from I John. Themes of this letter from late in the Apostle John's life include: fellowship with God (1:4), forgiveness for sin (2.1), warning of false teaching (2.26), and full assurance of faith (5:13) and the certainty that we have eternal life. It is important that we help our students come to this assurance of faith and of eternal life.

**President's Report**

Dr. Wilson's report included updates on the University and upcoming events:

**Enrollment Update**  
ORU has the largest spring enrollment in 25 years, 3,789 registered students at Spring census—up 271 students from last spring. (It is difficult to compare earlier numbers because of the way census was conducted.) This is due in part to a record-setting sophomore fall to spring retention rate of 93.44%. Thanks to Dr. Matviuk and the Student Success team.

**Resident President**  
Dr. Wilson spent two days last month as a "resident president", staying in the dorm, eating in the cafeteria, and attending classes. This is valuable experience that always yields copious notes and a better understanding of our students and what they experience at ORU. (We should assume that the student sitting in our class is sleep-deprived.) He attended eight classes in five departments, and all were excellent. Compliments to the faculty, who had no idea he was coming. He is more confident than ever that we are doing a great job. He can look any parent in the eye and assure them that their student is getting a great education here.

**School of Theology Ph.D. Accreditation Visit**  
Congratulations to the Ph.D. committee in the School of Theology on successful accreditation visits. Reports from both the ATS and HLC were positive. Dr. Ma, Dr. Thorpe, along with the Ph.D. committee were recognized. The program should begin by Spring 2019 or as early as the next Fall semester.

**Faculty Contracts**  
Thank you to the faculty for patience regarding contracts, which were delayed due to the extension of the deadline for the voluntary transition plan. They should be issued today and tomorrow.

**Housing Process February 19th**  
Because of problems with the software, there were many challenges with the dorm selection process on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Many students were tied up as they tried to access the system. Please consider leniency toward students who were late or missed a class as they worked on room selection that morning.

	<p>Concerns from National Presidents' Meeting</p> <p>Two issues arose at a recent meeting of the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities that were of common concern:</p> <p>1-Actions by the federal government, especially the House Higher Education Act Reauthorization Bill. The PROSPER Act (Promoting Real Opportunity, Success and Prosperity Through Educational Reform) includes some protections of religious freedom, but also cuts financial aid for some of the neediest students. Pray for our government and for students who may be most affected by this legislation.</p> <p>2-Financial sustainability in higher education and ways to be more efficient overall. Efficiency is a very real concern here. Our work is personnel intensive, and technology does not make it any less so. Be looking for ways your department can be more efficient—departments may be able to benefit from funds saved.</p> <p>President's Schedule</p> <p>Dr. Wilson will be attending the National Religious Broadcasters meeting in Nashville regarding Empower 21 initiatives. Following that, he will attend Dr. Billy Graham's funeral in Charlotte, NC.</p> <p>ORU Budget Process</p> <p>The Green family has continued to support ORU with major gifts that have made a balanced budget possible. We are now in the process of establishing a budget that is sustainable long term, independent of these gifts. This is why, despite our growth, we continue to be in belt-tightening mode, holding down expenses.</p>
<p><b>Provost's Report: Dr. Reid-Martinez (Provost)</b></p>	<p>Dr. Reid-Martinez read the summary report of the ORU Academic Council meeting held on February 19, 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The Council approved several exemptions to Gen Ed. Courses according to policy regarding programs applying for professional accreditation.</li> <li>-Three interdisciplinary courses were approved.</li> <li>-The Board has required revision of the cell phone policy to assure privacy of student numbers. Suggested wording of the new policy includes requiring faculty who want to facilitate academic engagement and instructional activities with students via cell phone use a mobile or web-based app that assures privacy. Student have the right to opt out of this app or withhold their phone numbers and directory information completely, receiving information via university email.</li> <li>-The Council has appointed a group to study the review process for faculty seeking faculty emeritus status, including practice at other institutions.</li> </ul> <p>Questions/comments from floor: Would it be enough to indicate in the syllabus that the student has the right to opt out? Dr. Reid-Martinez indicated that a more complete policy statement would come out of the next Academic Council meeting. The app GroupMe was suggested for student communication. Dr. Reid-Martinez was familiar with the app—it is among those being considered. Dr. Wilson indicated his appreciation of the new interdisciplinary courses approved.</p> <p>The report was accepted unanimously following a motion by Dr. Sowell and seconded by Dr. Lyons.</p>
<p><b>Closing Prayer</b></p>	<p>Dr. Thomson Mathew led the closing prayer.</p>

## **FULL TIME FACULTY ATTENDANCE**

### **FACULTY LUNCHEON 2/26/18**

1. Lois Ablin
2. Robin Akbar
3. Ardith Baker
4. James Barber
5. Stacey Blaylock
6. Chancey Bosch
7. Kim Boyd
8. Ulysses (Sonny) Branham
9. James Breckenridge
10. Joyce Bridgman
11. Fleta Buckles
12. William Buker
13. David Burkus
14. Lenore Butay
15. Bob Canada
16. Patricia Catts
17. Carlos Chale
18. Terry Mandel Chenoweth
19. William Collier
20. Rob Corser
21. Dwight Davidson
22. Anthony Domeck
23. Linda Dunham
24. David Dyson
25. Cal Easterling
26. Michelle Price Eiler
27. Timothy Ekblad
28. William Ellis
29. William Epperson
30. Cristi Eschler-Freudenrich
31. Tracey Anne Farkas
32. Agena Farmer
33. David Farnsworth
34. Randall Feller
35. Doris Feltham
36. J. Michael Fulton
37. Rhonda Gallagher
38. Beverly Garrison
39. Jay Gary
40. Keith Gogan
41. Bill Gordon
42. Elena Gregg
43. Ray Gregg

44. Rebecca Gunn
45. Solomon Hailu
46. Mark Hall
47. Dominic Halsmer
48. Jayne Ann Harder
49. Larry Hart
50. Dana Higeons
51. Gwetheldene Holzmann
52. Jason Howell
53. Fritz Huber
54. Hallett Hullinger
55. Julie Huntley
56. Daniel Isgrigg
57. Cheryl Iverson
58. John Jenkins
59. Kenda Jezek
60. Scarlet Jost
61. Imgyu Kang
62. Katherine Mary Kelley
63. Gery Kern
64. Jiwon Kim
65. Catherine Klehm
66. John Korstad
67. Laura Krohn
68. Mark Labash
69. Jeffrey Lamp
70. Gerald Landers
71. Andrew Lang
72. Barbara Law
73. Robert Leland
74. Ruby Libertus
75. Hayoung Lim
76. Evie Lindberg
77. Marcia Livingston
78. Leigh Anne Locke
79. Kerry Loescher
80. William Lyons
81. Julie Jungja Ma
82. Wonsuk Ma
83. Xiaomin Ma
84. Jane Malcolm
85. Nancy Mankin
86. Charlene Martin
87. Thomson Mathew
88. John Matsson
89. Sergio Matviuk

90. Susan McMurray
91. Denise Miller
92. Mary Lou Miller
93. Lenore Mullican
94. Jim Myers
95. Philip Nelson
96. Eric Newberg
97. Timothy Norton
98. Brittany Oelze
99. Nathan Opp
100. J. Bryan Osborne
101. J. Patrick Otto
102. Adayehi Benjamin Peter
103. Rebecca Poore
104. Gary Pranger
105. Jason Pudlo
106. Scott Quant
107. William Ranahan
108. Hal Reed
109. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez
110. Sandra Richardson
111. Joe Ann Robinson
112. Linda Royall
113. James Russell
114. Angela Sample
115. Terry Shannon
116. James Shelton
117. Sally Shelton
118. Connie Sjoberg
119. Glenn Smith
120. Raymond Smith
121. Debra Sowell
122. Robert Stewart
123. Carolyn Stubbs
124. John Swails
125. Vinson Synan
126. Sherri Tapp
127. Lisa Taylor
128. Dan Thimell
129. Audrey Thompson
130. John Thompson
131. Samuel Thorpe
132. Jim Toft
133. Terry Unruh
134. Corie VanArsdale
135. Celestino Velasquez

136. J Annette Villines
137. Jeffrey Voth
138. Andrea Walker
139. Mary Ann Walker
140. Vicki Walker
141. Tim Waters
142. Angela Watson
143. Edward Watson
144. Kenneth Weed
145. Jonathan Wiley
146. Amanda Wilson
147. Stephen Wheat
148. Christina Woodrow
149. Marshal Wright
150. Xin Yang
151. Brad Young
152. Daobin Zhang
153. Charles Zwick

## **ADJUNCT FACULTY ATTENDANCE**

### **FACULTY LUNCHEON 2/26/18**

1. Garnet Baker
2. Julie Byrtus
3. Steven Eiler
4. Faith Emory
5. Chris Foster
6. Linda Gray
7. Christopher Holt
8. Suzanne Land
9. Megan Weinkauff
10. Carrie Work