## ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY University Faculty Meeting

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Date: Monday February 27, 2017

Chair:	Dr. William M. Wilson
Present:	145 Full time faculty, Provost Dr. Reid-Martinez, President Dr. William Wilson, 7 Adjunct faculties, Mrs. Wilson and 3 Office staff (Please find attached the names of all attendees).
Start of Meeting	11A.M.
Devotional	The Devotional was led by Dr. Larry Hart. The theme for the devotional was "The Hand of The Lord". Dr. Hart reference the life of the prophet Ezekiel stating that the prophet was exemplary of what ORU looks for in academic and spiritual leadership. He provided a background to the life noting that seven times in the book of Ezekiel (1:3; 3:14; 3:22; 8:1; 33:22; #7:1; and40:1) the prophet mentioned that <i>The Hand of The Lord</i> was upon him. He recounted a sermon of Oral Roberts titles "The shape of your hand is The Shape of God's plan. In like manner Dr. Hart shared that the hand of God has been evident in Oral Robert's Life and is on Oral Roberts University. He noted that God's Servants aren't always perfect, just chosen. He concluded by reminding us that the reason we are at ORU is because the hand of God is on each of our lives.
Door Prizes	Mrs. Lisa Wilson and Lisa Bowman distributed door prizes with a Spring Theme to the selected faculty members.
President's report Listening Tour  HLC Report	Dr. Wilson reported on the President's Listening Tour that was extended to students and his two-days as a <i>Resident President</i> (residential student at ORU). He shared the top 10 takeaways from his listening tour with the students. <b>The Top Five are:</b> 1. He is honored and blessed to serve as President at ORU 2. We have a great faculty at ORU 3. ORU looks as good from the students' desk as it does from the President's desk. 4. Testimonies and stories abound. 5. The Prayer Presence among our students is amazing, He stated that the university will honor the request of students to do their laundry for free on campus. Dr. Wilson shared that the university received a letter from the HLC that stated that they accepted ORU's accreditation report; hence our accreditation runs through 2022. Prior to that, an interim report on our assessment: Our demonstration of how we are
2017 Budget	using assessment data to make continuous program improvements.  He stated that we are heading towards our budget by April 2017 and that the President's Research Fund will be available again. He emphasized that preference for funding will be given to the projects proposals that will serve the Spirit-Empowered Movement around the world, adding that this is tied to the 5-year Adaptive Plan.
Conference Attended	He attended the American Association of Independent Colleges and University weekend conference in Arizona. He stated that after listening to the challenges faced by many of his Presidential colleagues he concluded that we should be very grateful for ORU as God has really been blessing us. He highlighted the two things that Dr. Michael Crow, President Arizona State University and co-author of the book Designing the New American University, shared that are important to us at ORU. These are:  A. What is the difference between bureaucracy and entrepreneurship in education, and how are attendees working at making their Colleges and

President's Lecture and Concert Series		TI :
Lecture and Concert Series   Event's Committee		B. What difference does it make that you are a Christian University? Essentially, Dr. Wilson relayed the challenge to faculty by encouraging us to differentiate the way we do education in comparison to our competitors who are keeping the same kind of education as ORU. He emphasized that at ORU we have the Holy Spirit, and a Whole Person Education to offer to a world needful of healing
Little Women	and Concert Series	Lecture and Concert Series. He introduced the members of the committee that is planning and leading the event and invited faculty to share the names of qualified talented individuals in response to the email that will be subsequently sent or with members of the committee. These high-cultured events (2-4) are intended to be formal and of high quality and class and is hoped to position ORU as a significant
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university's mission, identified two of ORU's distinctive-spiritual formation and physical education that sets us apart from other universities and colleges and cautions the group to not lose sight of this difference. In response to Dr. Weed's query about the BS programs Dr. Lang stated that all programs have the core 42 hours of Gen. Ed. However, both the BA and the BSc. have additional hours above and beyond the core to qualify for the respective degrees.

The question of how course load would be allocated for faculty who are team teaching courses was aired. Dr. Lang explained that those courses that are team taught would follow the Honors Program model (each faculty receives full 3 credit) based on prescribed minimum enrolment and with the understanding that all the professors will attend each class. Dr. Wilson added that ultimately the decision will be linked to budget and availability of funding.

In her comments Dr. Reid-Martinez essentially applauded the faculty for the work being done on the General Education Review which is a complex, mammoth project, and reminded the group that ultimately it is about preparing our students for their calling which they will enter into when the graduate in the future. Hence, the work is critical and the collaboration among faculty is commendable.

Dr. Wilson reiterated that the goal is not to rush into a decision, although the hope is that we will have a product that we can move forward with by the end of spring 2017. He encouraged us to stay prayerful and to do our best to finish our assignment and remain a united group.

**Closing Prayer** 

Mr. Glenn Smith (racquetball coach)