

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Wednesday August 22, 2016**

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

**Present:** 147 Full time faculty, Provost Dr. Reid-Martinez, President Dr. William Wilson, 6 Adjunct faculty, 4 guests, Mrs. Wilson and 3 Office staff (Please find attached the names of all attendees).

**Start of Meeting** 11A.M.

**Back To School Theme** Mrs. Wilson, Lisa Bowman, Sodexo and their team were instrumental in creating a back to school atmosphere with Back to School Door Prizes and ORU lunch boxes and coloring books.

**Devotional** The devotional was conducted by Dr. Larry Hart. Using the theme “Going for the Gold and supporting biblical text 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, he encouraged us to be soldiers of the soul who are faithful to the mission, the message and the gospel as ultimately we will be assessed by God on the quality of our work. He also urged us to live in such a way that in the end like the Apostle Paul we can say ‘The Good Fight we fought, The Race we finished, and The Faith we kept!’ He also reminded us that God always heals His own, sometimes instantly, sometimes slowly, and sometimes ultimately in the resurrection. Regardless of how he heals We Win!

**HLC Update** Drs. Easterling and Sjoberg report emphasized:

- ✚ HLC visit is October 31 – November 1
- ✚ Reviewing the Mission, Vision, Student Learning Outcome, and 5-Year Adaptive Plan goals handout that was distributed during the Faculty Connection.
- ✚ Reviewing the questions that are on the reverse side of the handout as preparation for the visit
- ✚ Contemplating the questions:
  - Do you think that academics are the top priority at ORU? Why or why not?
  - How are you promoting academics in your classrooms? How would the students and staff respond to the same question?
  - What are we doing to promote academics at every level and in every department?

Dr. Sjoberg also shared that the report ORU received on the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) indicates that the seniors rated high on those questions that addressed the extent to which they are academically challenged. However, the ratings from the freshman were lower.

**President’s Update**

**New Head of Public Security and Safety**

**University Governance Overview**

Dr. Wilson invited Tim Philly to introduce the new Head of Security Mr. Bill Hunt who is replacing Jerry Isaacs to the faculty and staff. Dr. Wilson expressed thanks to Jerry for his service to the university and encouraged everyone to express appreciation to security when we see them on campus.

Dr. Wilson reviewed the maps of the governance structure and core work processes at the university. The maps depict the functions and reporting lines for all areas of the university and the Final, Delegated and Functional Authorities: Trustees,

<p><b>Faculty Life Committee (FLC)</b></p>	<p>President and Faculty. Dr. Wilson explained that the same documents are shared with new members to the Board of Trustees.</p> <p><i>University Faculty Centers of Authority</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department... College... Academic Council.... University Faculty</li> </ul> <p><i>Responsibilities of the University Faculty</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speak to university-wide concerns as recommended by the Faculty Life Committee or that impact multiple colleges/programs and needs all of the faculty's buy-in.</li> <li>• The University Faculty Meetings (UFM) are conducted using a simplified Roberts Rules of Order</li> <li>• Quorum is 50% of vote by voice, standing, hand-raising, and secret or electronic ballots.</li> <li>• President is Chair and Moderator with vote at the UFM but has relinquished his right to vote in the meetings as moderator except as a tie-breaker. The President clarified that he does not plan to use his office as President to sway decisions on any issue, but will step out of his role as moderator to voice his opinion on an issue while another moderates. He will afterwards step back into his moderator role and will only vote if a tie-breaker is necessary.</li> </ul> <p>President Wilson introduced the members of the Faculty Life Committee.</p>
<p><b>Incoming Freshman Class</b></p>	<p>To date: <b>910</b> and counting (<b>686</b> students from <b>30</b> states and <b>42</b> nations. The youngest, <b>15</b> years and the oldest, <b>74</b> years. The Top Five states OK, TX, CA, CO, MO)</p>
<p><b>Global Learning Center (GLC)</b></p>	<p>Top Major is Nursing, but all of the colleges in the top ten majors of the university.</p> <p><b>Mike Matthews</b> shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rosters live and active at <a href="http://mycourses.oru.edu">mycourses.oru.edu</a></li> <li>• Virtual Reality (VR) coming without technology for learning... MY GLC</li> <li>• Faculty challenged to utilize technology and to ask "what can you do with technology? i.e. <b>"My GLC"</b></li> <li>• Zoom is the web conferencing tool for all members of the ORU community.</li> </ul> <p>Courses are broadcasting around the world. He shared examples of how Dr. Terry Shannon, Dr. Jeff Voth, Dr. Andy Lang, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Dyson, and Ms. Denise Miller are using technology.</p>
<p><b>Prior Year's Business</b></p>	<p>Dr. Weed shared the voting results on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The proposal for an Exception to the ORU policy of a minimum of 128 total hours for an undergraduate degree allowing the total to be reduced to a minimum of 120 total hours for the nursing degree subject to the approval of the General Education Curriculum Committee.</li> </ol> <p><b>Electronic Votes:</b> Approval: 90, Disapprovals: 19, Abstention: 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Exception to the ORU policy of a minimum of 128 total hours for an undergraduate degree allowing the total to be reduced to a minimum of 120 total hours for new online programs. The hours would be reduced through electives and not general education requirements.</li> </ol> <p><b>Electronic Votes:</b> Approval: 81 Disapproval: 25, and Abstention: 4</p>
<p><b>Academic Council Report from (8/15/2016)</b></p>	<p>Dr. Wilson thanked Dr. Weed for his service as Secretary for the UFM and introduced Dr. Livingston as the new secretary.</p> <p>The Provost read the minutes of the Academic Council Meeting with the following Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lori Kanitz's resignation effective August 29, 2016</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflection on the proposed definition of <i>Intercultural Experience</i> that was developed by faculty during 2015-16 academic years. The Deans were asked to review the original and the alternate definitions in their colleges before the September 19, 2016 Academic Council Meeting. She read both definitions to the group.</li> <li>• Faculty voted and approved the proposals for the exceptions to policy to reduce credit hours for the nursing and online undergraduate degrees with the necessary majority votes.</li> <li>• David Fulmer reported appropriate catalog changes that would result from the votes.</li> <li>• The Academic Committee called for formation of an Ad Hoc committee to identify critical issues related to the change of credit hours to a degree plan. The committee will represent each college including the Chair of the General Education Curriculum Committee and the Registrar. Dr. Reid-Martinez announced the names of the members of the committee to the group.</li> <li>• HLC report to be submitted by the end of August and Dr. Kim Boyd will be hosting the HLC Peer Reviewers while they are on visit.</li> <li>• Dr. Cal Easterling honored for his hard work on laying the foundation for the HLC visit.</li> </ul> <p>Motion for acceptance of the Provost's report: Moved by Denise Miller, Seconded by Mary Lou Miller. The Academic Council Report was unanimously accepted by the faculty who voted by voice.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Monday September 26, 2016 @ 11A.M. -12:30 P.M.</b>
<b>Announcements</b> Census Date Next Board of Trustees Induction Dinner  Christmas Faculty Fellowship	<b>September 7, 2016</b>  <b>Tuesday November 8, 2016</b>  <b>Thursday December 8, 2016 at The Wilson's Residence</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Dr. Sam Thorpe</b>
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	<b>12:28 P.M.</b>

## Full Time Faculty Attendees 08/22/16

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
Ablin	Lois
Akbar	Robin
Baker	Ardith
Barber	James
Barreiro	Rafael
Basave	Dafne
Bloom	Myra
Bosch	Chancey
Boyd	Kim
Breckenridge	James
Bridgman	Joyce
Brown	Christopher
Buckles	Fleta
Buker	William
Burkus	David
Butay	Lenore
Canada	Bob
Catts	Patricia
Chale	Carlos
Collier	William
Davidson	Dwight
Domeck	Anthony
Dunham	Linda
Dyson	David
Easterling	Cal
Eiler	Michelle

## Full Time Faculty Attendees 08/22/16

Ekblad	Timothy
Endicott	Lanny
Epperson	William
Farmer	Agena
Farnsworth	David
Feltham	Doris
Feller	Randall
Eschler-Freudenrich	Cristi
Fulton	J. Michael
Gaikwad	Joel
Gallagher	Rhonda
Garrison	Beverly
Gary	Jay
Gogan	Keith
Gordon	Bill
Gray	Linda
Gregg	Elena
Gregg	Ray
Gunn	Rebecca
Hailu	Solomon
Hall	Mark
Halsmer	Dominic
Harder	Jayne Ann
Hart	Larry
Hatley	Jerome
Higeons	Dana
Holland	Laura

## Full Time Faculty Attendees 08/22/16

Howell	Jason
Huber	Fritz
Hullinger	Hallett
Huntley	Julie
Iverson	Cheryl
Jenkins	John
Jernigan	William
Jezek	Kenda
Jost	Scarlet
Kelley	Katherine Mary
Kern	Gary
Kiel	Robert
Kim	Jiwon
Klehm	Catherine
Korstad	John
Krohn	Laura
Lamp	Jeffrey
Landers	Gerald
Lang	Andrew
Leland	Robert
Libertus	Ruby
Lim	Hayoung
Lindberg	Evie
Liu	Sophie
Livingston	Marcia
Locke	Leigh Anne
Loescher	Kerry

## Full Time Faculty Attendees 08/22/16

Lyons	William
Ma	Xiaomin
Malcolm	Jane
Mankin	Nancy
Martin	Charlene
Matsson	John
Matviuk	Sergio
McMurray	Susan
Miller	Denise
Miller	Mary Lou
Mullican	Lenore
Nelson	Philip
Newberg	Eric
Nolivos	Eloy
Norton	Timothy
Osborne	J. Bryan
Otto	J. Patrick
Pierce	Edward
Poore	Rebecca
Pranger	Gary
Putman	Chris
Ranahan	William
Reid-Martinez	Kathaleen
Richardson	Sandra
Roberts	Mark
Robinson	Joe Ann
Royall	Linda

## Full Time Faculty Attendees 08/22/16

Russell	James
Rydin	Steven
Sample	Angela
Sanders	Courtneay
Shannon	Terry
Shelton	James
Shelton	Sally
Sjoberg	Connie
Smith	Glenn
Smith	Raymond
Sowell	Debra
Stewart	Robert
Swails	John
Swanson	Cheryl
Synan	Vinson
Tapp	Sherri
Teles	Bruno
Thimell	Dan
Thompson	Audrey
Thompson	John
Thorpe	Robert
Thyvelikakath	George
Tucker	Chene
Unruh	Terry
Valderrama	Enrique
Valentz	Rachael
VanArsdale	Corie



## Full Time Faculty Attendees 08/22/16

Vickery	Paul
Villines	J Annette
Walker	Andrea
Walker	Mary Ann
Walker	Vicki
Watson	Angela
Watson	Edward
Weed	Kenneth
Wiley	Jonathan
Williams	Daniel
Wilson	Amanda
Woodrow	Christina
Wright	Marshal
Young	Brad
Zhang	Daobin
Zwick	Charles

Full Time Faculty	147
Provost and President	2
Adjunct*	6
Guests**	4
Mrs. Wilson and Office Staff	<u>4</u>
Total	163

\*Adjunct: Garnet Baker, Sherri Bergner, Jenny Fang, Marinell  
Scott-Hall, Aleksandra Turtova

\*\*Guests: Tim Philley, Jerry Isaacs, Bill Hunt and Mike Mathews