

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Monday September 25, 2017**

**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**

11:00am in the Global Learning Center

**Devotional**

Dr. Larry Hart gave a devotional on “true greatness”, which is: 1) God-given; and 2) Plays to one audience, God Himself. Faculty member Ray Gregg is an example of one doing what he is called to do, being “himself” in service to God and the students. Dr. Hart exhorted us to see our students as God sees them and take seriously our role in developing their character. He closed with examples of what God has done with some of our students and the impact of their professional life or ministry.

**Door Prizes**

This month’s door prizes had an international theme and were coordinated by Mrs. Lisa Wilson and Lisa Bowman.

**President’s report**

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

ORU has experienced nine consecutive years of growth. Of the 13 private colleges in OK, only three had increased enrollment, and ORU is the largest. At census, there were 3919 students, and we are anticipating this to be over 4000 later in the fall. This does not include all students; there are over 5000 being served, including certificate programs. The greatest growth is in the undergrads, with 2077 students in the residence halls. The new class was brought in with seven points less in the discount rate, which is a great help to the budget. Total FTE is 3454, up from 3256. We can grow at this pace for about one more year before new residential space is needed. Special thanks go to Dr. Nancy Brainard and her team.

Online enrollment was up slightly. Dual enrollment is down slightly. Overall grad student numbers are down from 564 to 538, a trend over the past several years. Graduate faculty should be considering strategies to reverse this.

Race and ethnicity—More students (600) chose to not report. Of those reporting: Caucasian 47.7% (down 3%), African American 7%, and Hispanic 13.5% (up 3.9%). Internationals are 12.1% (up 2.1%). A Quest Scholarship fund for international students is being created. There are 101 nations represented in the student body, meeting the Five Year Adaptive Plan goal in two years.

The Fall Revival, ALIGN, will take place next week and class schedules changed accordingly.

The ONEOK Sports Complex will be dedicated October 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. The track and tennis courts will serve both our teams and student body.

President Wilson will host a dinner for new faculty at his home on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

In light of the growing number of faculty, the Faculty Christmas Reception will be held in the newly renovated Citiplex Atrium, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The University Planning Council will meet October 4 and 5. The list of faculty representatives was presented. Please communicate with them and participate in the discussion on the vision for ORU in 2030—future campus, student body, and faculty.

	<p>MOUs have been signed with Chongqing City Vocational College and Zhongshan University.</p> <p>About 400 attended the first event in the President's Performing Arts and Lecture Series, a concert by David Osborne.</p>
<b>Provost's Report: Dr. Reid-Martinez (Provost)</b>	<p>Dr. Reid-Martinez read the summary report of the ORU Academic Council meeting held on September 18, 2017. The primary topic was the 120 credit hour minimum requirement. The Academic Council voted unanimously to accept the 120 hour minimum requirement and a new General Education course.</p> <p>Handouts were given of the report as well as research by Dr. Andy Lang on national trends of CCCU schools moving toward the 120 requirement. Dr. Lang presented a summary of the data.</p> <p>The Provost's report accepted by unanimous vote.</p>
<b>Dr. Wilson: Discussion of the 120 Credit Hour Minimum.</b>	<p>Dr. Wilson recommended the final vote on the 120 hour minimum be made at the October University Faculty Meeting, to allow additional time for discussion. The motion was made by Dr. David Dyson and seconded by Dr. Even Culp. It was accepted by unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>Dr. Wilson lead further discussion, with questions from faculty, including:</p> <p>Clarification that this is a 120 hour minimum, not maximum.</p> <p>What about HCL or professional accrediting bodies? There is freedom to make those decisions at the program level.</p> <p>Wouldn't a 120 hour program be seen as a positive, helping students to finish in four years? Also, what about the financial impact? Dr. Wilson responded that initial analysis indicates it will have little effect. Students may end up paying for fewer hours, but it may attract more students.</p> <p>The General Education restructuring is consistent with a 120 hour degree plan. Dr. Lang noted that the Gen Ed review was sparked by discussions at a conference of schools both revising their Gen Ed and moving to 120 hour minimums. The committees chose to separate the two issues for discussion.</p> <p>The transition is to take place by Fall 2018. There is no comprehensive transition plan in place at this time. Dr. Ellis noted that departments will be revising degree plans for next fall to accommodate changes in Gen Ed requirements.</p>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<p>Dr. Bill Buker led the closing prayer.</p>